BATMAN
No.15
BAT MAN
A SUPERMAN PUBLICATION
DC
IND
FEB.
MAR.
REG. U. S. PAT OFF
10¢
R
U.S.
KEEP THOSE BULLETS FLYING!
KEEP ON BUYING WAR BONDS & STAMPS!

Editorial Advisory Board of the

SUPERMAN DC COMIC MAGAZINES:

JOSETTE FRANK
Staff Advisor,
Children's Book Committee,
Child Study Association of America

DR. C. BOWIE MILLICAN
Department of English Literature,
New York University

DR. W. W. D. SONES
Professor of Education and
Director of Curriculum Study,
University of Pittsburgh

DR. ROBERT THORNDIKE
Department of Educational Psychology,
Teachers College, Columbia University

Com. GENE TUNNEY, U.S.N.R.
Executive Board, Boy Scout Foundation
and Member, Board of Directors,
Catholic Youth Organization

The following magazines all bear this trademark as your guarantee of the best in comic reading.

A SUPERMAN DC PUBLICATION

8 MONTHLY MAGAZINES:

ACTION COMICS
ADVENTURE COMICS
ALL-AMERICAN COMICS
DETECTIVE COMICS
FLASH COMICS
MORE FUN COMICS
SENSATION COMICS
STAR SPANGLED COMICS

6 BI-MONTHLY MAGAZINES:
(Issued every other month)

ALL-FLASH
ALL-STAR COMICS
BATMAN
MUTT & JEFF
SUPERMAN
WONDER WOMAN

6 QUARTERLY MAGAZINES:
(Issued every third month)

BOY COMMANDOS
COMIC CAVALCADE
GREEN LANTERN
LEADING COMICS
WORLD'S FINEST COMICS
also "PICTURE STORIES FROM THE BIBLE"

GOOD BOOKS WORTH READING

reviewed by JOSETTE FRANK, staff advisor

Child Study Association of America

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS UNDER TWELVE

SUPERMAN. ***By George Lowther. Based on the comic strip created by Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster.***

The whole story of Superman—of his rocketing to earth in a space ship from the burning planet Krypton; of his boyhood discovery of his strange super-powers; and of his thrilling adventures with enemy submarines and saboteurs off the Atlantic coast.

NONE BUT THE BRAVE. ***By Rosamond Van Der Zee Marshall.***

The thrilling story of how a secret band of courageous Dutch men and women worked and fought to free their country of a vicious and power-mad foreign oppressor—in 1574—and how their courage in the face of fearful odds won their country's freedom. This could happen today!

AUGUSTUS HELPS THE NAVY. ***By LeGrand.***

Here's Augustus again! In this story, with his new friend, Tom, his adventures on the Maine coast lead him straight to a couple of German submarines—which he bottles up for the Navy.

WAY DOWN CELLAR. ***By Phil Stong. Pictures by Kurt Wiese.***

A secret, underground tunnel is a discovery that gives a group of boys enough fun and excitement to interfere with their football—and to keep the whole population of a small Connecticut town in a state of jitters.

HOW STORMALONG CAPTURED MOCHA DICK. ***By Irwin Shapiro. Pictures by Donald McKay.***

This is a tall tale, and a salty one at that—of the giant sailor, Stormalong, and how he turned cowboy and rode bareback on the great white whale. The pictures are exciting and funny—one on every page.

SNOW TREASURE. ***By Marie McSwiggin. Pictures by Mary Reardon.***

A breathless story of a group of courageous Norwegian children who risked their lives to smuggle nine million dollars in gold past the very noses of the German sentries to safekeeping in America. The story is based on an actual happening.

FOR OLDER READERS

SUPERMAN. ***By George Lowther. Based on the comic strip created by Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster.***

"I HAVE JUST BEGUN TO FIGHT." ***By Commander Edward Ellsberg. Pictures by Gerald Foster.***

The story of a young boy of Nantucket who followed the daring Captain John Paul Jones in desperate fighting at sea in America's Revolutionary War. It is a book ringing with courage, bloodshed, patriotism and eventual victory.

SOS RADIO PATROL. ***By William Heyliger.***

Camping on an island in Lazy River, four radio patrol scouts find themselves suddenly threatened by storm and flood. How, by quick thinking and swift action, they save themselves and rescue a stranded family as well, makes a story packed with thrills and adventure.

KIT CARSON: TRAIL BLAZER. ***By Shannon Zarst. Pictures by Harry Daugherty.***

A rugged life as a trapper in the Rocky Mountains, living in the open in constant danger from Indians and wild beasts, taught Kit Carson all the things he needed to know as a frontier guide and scout. Tales of his exploits make a true boys' hero.

ALL-AMERICAN. ***By John R. Tunis.***

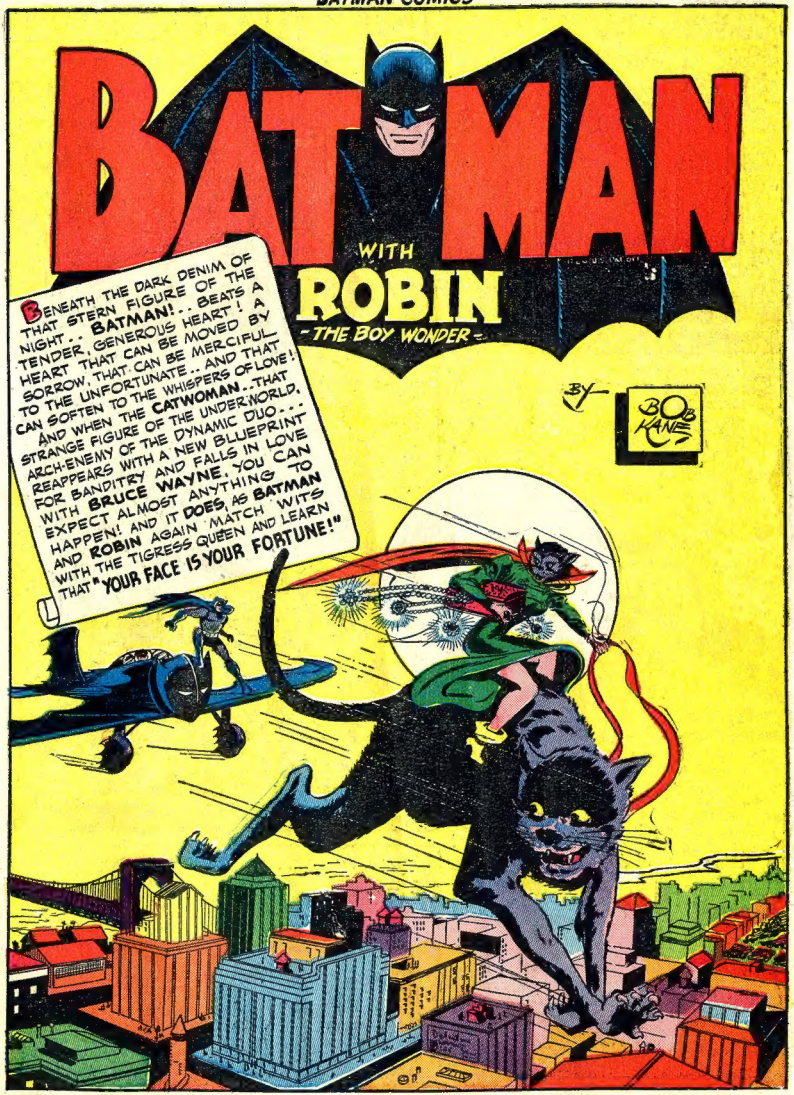
A thrilling football story—but more than that—a story of boys of all races and kinds working together and "playing ball" in the true democracy of a great high school.

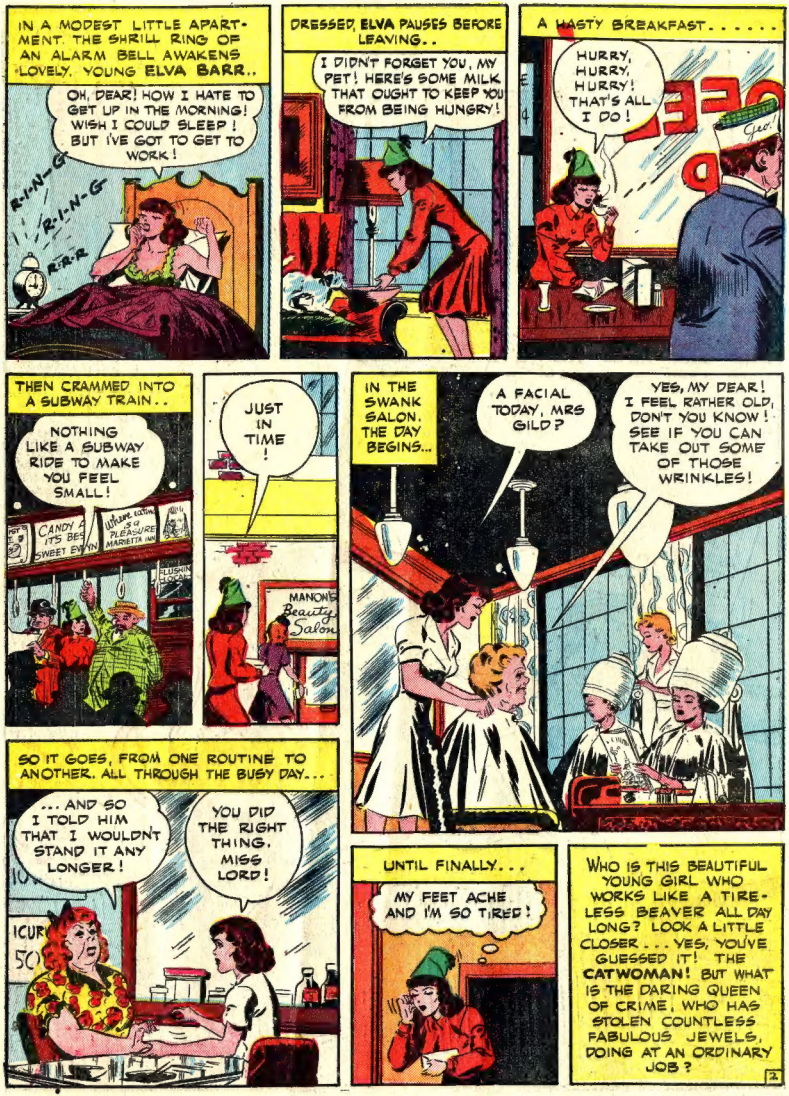
SUPERMAN'S SECRET MESSAGE

(Code Venus No. 2)

NQUV CPF HQWPF EQNWOPU QH VQMKQ PGYURCRGTU CTG ETQYFGF. GXGTA VKOG CP COGTKEP DWAU C DQPF, VJG LCRU NQUG HCEG!

BATMAN No. 15—Feb. - Mar., 1943, published bi-monthly by Detective Comics, Inc., 480 Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y. F. W. Ellsworth, Editor. Re-entered as second class matter Aug. 1, 1941 at the Post Office at New York, N. Y. under the Act of March 3, 1879. Yearly subscription in the U. S. 75c including postage. Entire contents copyrighted 1942 by Detective Comics, Inc. Except those who have authorized use of their names, the stories, characters and incidents mentioned in this periodical are entirely imaginary and fictitious, and no identification with actual persons, living or dead, is intended or should be inferred. Printed in U.S.A.


BATMAN
WITH
ROBIN
-THE BOY WONDER-
BY
BOB KANE
BENEATH THE DARK DENIM OF THAT STERN FIGURE OF THE NIGHT.. BATMAN!.. BEATS A TENDER, GENEROUS HEART! A HEART THAT CAN BE MOVED BY SORROW, THAT CAN BE MERCIFUL TO THE UNFORTUNATE.. AND THAT CAN SOFTEN TO THE WHISPERS OF LOVE! AND WHEN THE CATWOMAN..THAT STRANGE FIGURE OF THE UNDERWORLD, ARCH-ENEMY OF THE DYNAMIC DUO... REAPPEARS WITH A NEW BLUEPRINT FOR BANDITRY AND FALLS IN LOVE WITH BRUCE WAYNE, YOU CAN EXPECT ALMOST ANYTHING TO HAPPEN! AND IT DOES, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN AGAIN MATCH WITS WITH THE TIGRESS QUEEN AND LEARN THAT "YOUR FACE IS YOUR FORTUNE!"


IN A MODEST LITTLE APARTMENT. THE SHRILL RING OF AN ALARM BELL AWAKENS LOVELY, YOUNG ELVA BARR..
OH, DEAR! HOW I HATE TO GET UP IN THE MORNING! WISH I COULD SLEEP! BUT I'VE GOT TO GET TO WORK!
R-I-N-G
R-I-N-G
R-A-R
DRESSED, ELVA PAUSES BEFORE LEAVING..
I DIDN'T FORGET YOU, MY PET! HERE'S SOME MILK THAT OUGHT TO KEEP YOU FROM BEING HUNGRY!
A HASTY BREAKFAST.....
HURRY, HURRY, HURRY! THAT'S ALL I DO!
Geo.
THEN CRAMMED INTO A SUBWAY TRAIN..
NOTHING LIKE A SUBWAY RIDE TO MAKE YOU FEEL SMALL!
CANDY IT'S BEST SWEET EVVIN
WELCOME TO THE PLEASURE MARIETTA INN
FLUSHING LOCAL
JUST IN TIME!
MANON'S Beauty Salon
IN THE SWANK SALON, THE DAY BEGINS...
A FACIAL TODAY, MRS GILD?
YES, MY DEAR! I FEEL RATHER OLD, DON'T YOU KNOW! SEE IF YOU CAN TAKE OUT SOME OF THOSE WRINKLES!
SO IT GOES, FROM ONE ROUTINE TO ANOTHER. ALL THROUGH THE BUSY DAY...
... AND SO I TOLD HIM THAT I WOULDN'T STAND IT ANY LONGER!
YOU DID THE RIGHT THING, MISS LORD!
UNTIL FINALLY...
MY FEET ACHE AND I'M SO TIRED!
WHO IS THIS BEAUTIFUL YOUNG GIRL WHO WORKS LIKE A TIRELESS BEAVER ALL DAY LONG? LOOK A LITTLE CLOSER... YES, YOU'VE GUESSED IT! THE CATWOMAN! BUT WHAT IS THE DARING QUEEN OF CRIME, WHO HAS STOLEN COUNTLESS FABULOUS JEWELS, DOING AT AN ORDINARY JOB?
2

THAT'S WHAT WEALTHY PLAYBOY BRUCE WAYNE WONDERS ABOUT SEVERAL NIGHTS LATER AT A BEAUTY CONTEST FOR BEAUTY SALON OPERATORS . . .
ISN'T SHE A..A KNOCKOUT?
IT CAN'T BE..BUT IT IS...THE CATWOMAN!
JUDGES
FOR BEHIND THAT INDOLENT EXTERIOR LIES THE DYNAMIC CHARACTER OF THE BATMAN!
DON'T TELL ME SHE'S TURNED OVER A NEW LEAF! I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
BUT EVEN BRUCE IS FORCED TO PAY TRIBUTE TO ELVA BARR'S OUTSTANDING BEAUTY..
HOLD THAT MISS BARR!
THE JUDGES UNANIMOUSLY AGREE ON THE WINNER.. ELVA BARR!
SO THAT'S BRUCE WAYNE! ISN'T HE HANDSOME!
CONGRATULATIONS, MISS BARR!
IF I COULD ONLY READ YOUR MIND, CATWOMAN!
BRUCE WOULD BE EMBARRASSINGLY SURPRISED IF HE COULD...FOR DAN CUPID HAS BEEN UP TO ONE OF HIS LITTLE PRANKS!
MY HEART'S FLUTTERING.. I'M FALLING IN LOVE! AND HE SEEMS INTERESTED IN ME, TOO!
NEXT MORNING, SOMEBODY ELSE IS INTERESTED IN ELVA.. LOVELY LINDA PAGE!
HMM! SO THAT'S WHOM BRUCE WAYNE CONSIDERS BEAUTIFUL! WELL.. I DON'T THINK SHE'S SO HOT!
WINNER OF BEAUTY CONTEST
AND AT THE WAYNE HOME . . . .
I CAN'T FOR THE LIFE OF ME FIGURE OUT WHY SHE'S WORKING AT THAT BEAUTY SALON!
INSTEAD OF TALKING SO MUCH, HOW ABOUT DOING SOMETHING?
AT THE SALON, THE TIGRESS QUEEN SEEMS BUSY WITH HER INNOCENT ROUTINE DUTIES . . .
BUT ACTUALLY SHE IS PERFECTING HER FELINE PLANS!
THERE, NOW! THIS WILL DO WONDERS FOR YOUR COMPLEXION!
SHE DOESN'T KNOW I'VE PUT A SPECIAL INGREDIENT INTO THIS MUD-PACK SO IT CAN HARDEN! I'LL BE ABLE TO GET AN EXACT CAST OF HER FEATURES!
3

I'VE GOT A LUNCHEON TO ATTEND THIS AFTERNOON AND I MUST LOOK MY BEST! YOU SEE, THOSE WOMEN..
THE MORE SHE TALKS, THE MORE I LEARN ABOUT HER HABITS! AND THE LITTLE DICTAPHONE IN THE ARM OF THIS CHAIR WILL GIVE ME A PERFECT REPRODUCTION OF HER VOICE!
GET IT, READER? NOT QUITE? WELL.... YOU KNOW MORE THAN BATMAN AND ROBIN, WHO WAIT PATIENTLY THAT EVENING TO FOLLOW ELVA AS SHE LEAVES...
THERE SHE IS, HEADING TOWARD THE SUBWAY!
SURE! SHE'S JUST GONE HOME! MAYBE SHE IS GOING STRAIGHT!
EVELYN
SUBWA
BATMAN AND ROBIN IN ACTION! GET YOUR FAVORITE TOY!
I'LL TAKE ONE!
SEE? THE CATWOMAN EVEN HAS A SOFT SPOT IN HER HEART FOR US! SHE MUST HAVE REFORMED!
BATMAN'S KEEN EYES, HOWEVER, FOCUS ON A SLY MOTION OF THE HAND...
SHE PASSED HIM A NOTE! CLEVER METHOD, TOO! THAT SETTLES IT, ROBIN! SOMETHING'S UP! WE'RE FOLLOWING THAT PITCHMAN!
MINUTES LATER....
WE'VE GOT TO GET A LOOK AT THAT MESSAGE, ROBIN! LISTEN, HERE'S WHAT WE DO..
JOE'S BOWLING ALLEYS
INSIDE THE BOWLING ALLEY...
WE'RE LOOKING FOR DEADSHOT MIKE! WHERE IS HE?
BATMAN.. ROBIN! WHAT ARE THEY...?
NEVER EVEN HEARD OF HIM!
PRETENDING RAGE, BATMAN GRABS THE PITCHMAN.. AND A DEFT HAND SWIFTLY AND FURTIVELY REACHES INTO A POCKET...
YOU'RE DEADSHOT MIKE, AREN'T YOU!
NO, YOU GOT ME ALL WRONG, BATMAN! I'M JIM JONES! SEE, LOOK, I EVEN SELL YOUR TOYS!

UNNOTICED, THE ACE CRIME-FIGHTER SLIPS THE MESSAGE TO HIS YOUNG AIDE !
MAYBE WE'RE WRONG, ROBIN! PHONE THE POLICE FOR AN EXACT DESCRIPTION OF DEADSHOT MIKE !
WHAT A NAME ... DEADSHOT MIKE! HA,HA! OUR PLAN IS WORKING !
CHECK, BATMAN!
BUT SMOOTH SAILING IS NOT AHEAD ...
HMMM! MONKEY BUSINESS, I BET !
COME ON! HERE'S OUR CHANCE TO GET THE BATMAN !
GOT YOU, BATMAN ! OH...
UGGH!
AH! SUCH ACCURACY! WELL IF YOU REALLY WANT TO BOWL...
VE THE FOUL LINE ... PLE
HERE'S WHERE I MAKE TWO STRIKES AT ONE TIME.. AND WITHOUT THE AID OF A BALL !
A SMALL CAPED FIGURE JOINS THE FRAY !
THE BOY WONDER SLYLY REPLACES THE SLIP OF PAPER...
AND HERE'S A FIST I CAN SPARE !
THIS ISNT THE FELLOW, BATMAN! DEADSHOT MIKE HAS A SCAR ON HIS FACE, THE POLICE SAID !
SO WE MADE A MISTAKE ! TOO BAD !
WHAT A MISTAKE WE MADE ! OH, MY HEAD !
SORRY, FELLOWS, BUT YOU SHOULD HAVE WAITED A MOMENT LONGER! THERE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN A FIGHT !
EXIT
5

OUTSIDE.....

I READ THAT MESSAGE WHILE I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE PHONING THE POLICE! IT SAID TO GET READY FOR ACTION AT THE MAYPONT WEDDING TONIGHT!

MAYPONT WEDDING! HOW CAN THE **CATWOMAN** GET IN THERE?! IT'S TOO HEAVILY GUARDED!

WE DON'T KNOW HER GAME YET... BUT WE'LL BE THERE TONIGHT!

MEANWHILE, IN A HIDDEN LAIR, THE BEAUTIFUL MISTRESS OF MENACE PURRS IN ANTICIPATION OF HER LATEST COUP!

EVERYTHING'S READY! I SHALL NOW BECOME GRACE ARNOLD, SOCIETY EDITOR OF THE **GLOBE**! MY BOYS WILL SEE TO IT THAT THE REAL MISS ARNOLD'S CAR "ACCIDENTALLY" BREAKS DOWN!

I'VE GOT A LUNCHEON TO ATTEND THIS...

THAT NIGHT, ON THE LAWN OF THE LUXURIOUS MAYPONT ESTATE, SOCIETY CELEBRATES THE GALA WEDDING OF THE MAYPONT HEIRESS AND CAPTAIN GOODRICH...

AREN'T THOSE GIFTS JUST DIVINE!

AND EXPENSIVE! THEY'RE WORTH A FORTUNE! THAT'S WHY THEY HAVE GUARDS!

AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE ESTATE...

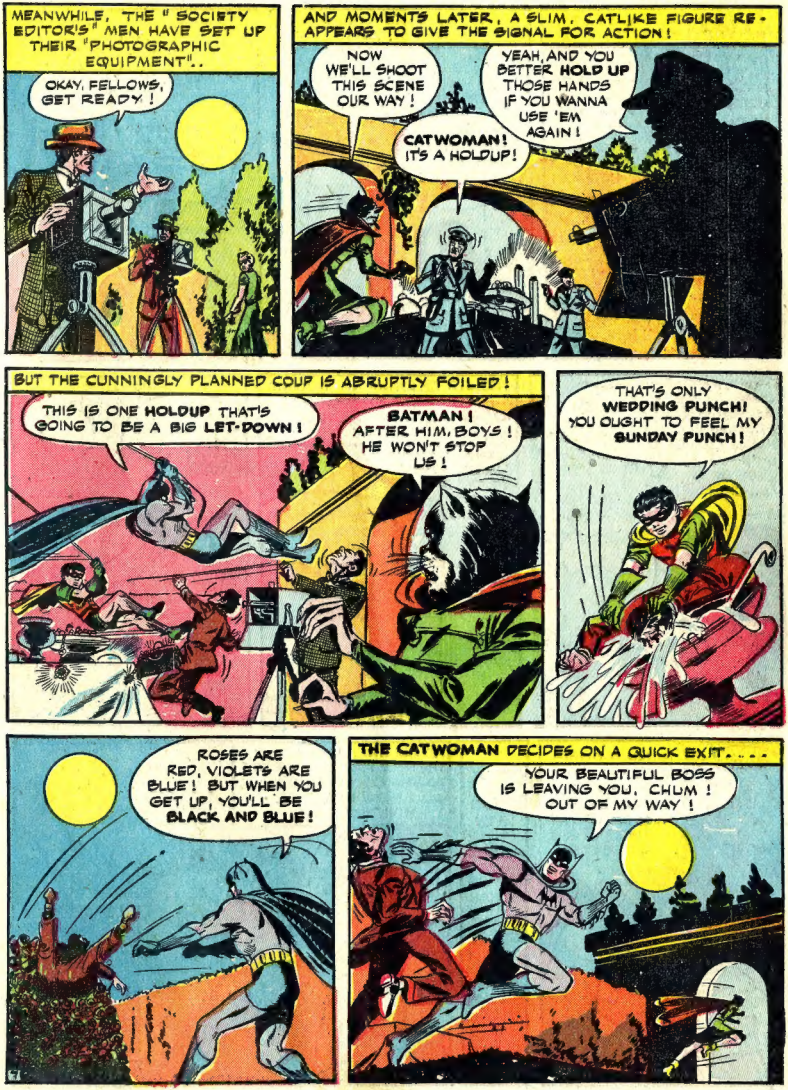
INVITATIONS, PLEASE! OH, MISS ARNOLD.. COME RIGHT IN!

PLEASE, LET THESE MEN IN... THEY'RE HELPING ME SET UP MY PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT!

THE CEREMONY BEGINS... AS THE SOFT STRAINS OF "HERE COMES THE BRIDE" ISSUE FROM A ROSE BOWER...

FELLOW NAVY OFFICERS SALUTE THE BRIDE AND GROOM IN TIME-HONORED FASHION!

TO A HAPPY FUTURE!


MEANWHILE, THE "SOCIETY EDITOR'S" MEN HAVE SET UP THEIR "PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT"..
OKAY, FELLOWS, GET READY!
AND MOMENTS LATER, A SLIM, CATLIKE FIGURE RE-APPEARS TO GIVE THE SIGNAL FOR ACTION!
NOW WE'LL SHOOT THIS SCENE OUR WAY!
YEAH, AND YOU BETTER HOLD UP THOSE HANDS IF YOU WANNA USE 'EM AGAIN!
CATWOMAN! IT'S A HOLDUP!
BUT THE CUNNINGLY PLANNED COUP IS ABRUPTLY FOILED!
THIS IS ONE HOLDUP THAT'S GOING TO BE A BIG LET-DOWN!
BATMAN! AFTER HIM, BOYS! HE WON'T STOP US!
THAT'S ONLY WEDDING PUNCH! YOU OUGHT TO FEEL MY SUNDAY PUNCH!
ROSES ARE RED, VIOLETS ARE BLUE! BUT WHEN YOU GET UP, YOU'LL BE BLACK AND BLUE!
THE CATWOMAN DECIDES ON A QUICK EXIT.....
YOUR BEAUTIFUL BOSS IS LEAVING YOU, CHUM! OUT OF MY WAY!

FOOTSTEPS DRUM IN SWIFT PURSUIT, AND SOON...
NOW, NOW, CATWOMAN, IS THAT NICE, RUNNING AWAY LIKE THIS? YOU HAVEN'T EVEN SAID HELLO TO ME!
YOU..YOU.. ALWAYS SPOILING MY PLANS! OH, I HATE YOU!
THE PROUD CRIME QUEEN'S HEAD BOWS IN DEFEAT!
ALL RIGHT, YOU WIN, BATMAN! BUT I WISH IT HAD BEEN DIFFERENT! I WISH..OH, WHAT'S THE USE!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN ?
I'M IN LOVE, BATMAN.. IN LOVE WITH A FINE, DECENT MAN! YOU'VE PROBABLY HEARD OF HIM .. BRUCE WAYNE !
HUH! IN LOVE WITH ME ?
OH! IF YOU'D ONLY LET ME GO, BATMAN.. IF I KNEW I HAD A CHANCE WITH HIM, I'D GIVE UP MY LIFE OF CRIME!
WE..ELL! HMM....I WONDER...? MAYBE SHE'S REALLY SINCERE! WHAT A SPOT FOR ME TO BE IN!
A MOMENT OF LIGHTNING THOUGHT ...AND THEN THE BATMAN ACTS... TO GIVE THE CATWOMAN HER FREEDOM!
OOPS! I TRIPPED! GUESS I CAN'T HELP IT IF YOU ESCAPE NOW, CATWOMAN! (I'LL GIVE HER THE CHANCE SHE WANTS!)
THANKS, BATMAN! YOU'RE..YOU'RE WONDERFUL!
THE CATWOMAN'S MEN GOT AWAY!.. AND ...SAY, SHE'S GETTING AWAY, TOO!
ER..YES.. LOOKS AS THOUGH SHE IS, DOESN'T IT?
WHAT'S GOT INTO YOU, BATMAN?
NOTHING, ROBIN, NOTHING! ONLY I THINK PERHAPS WE MAY BE GETTING RID OF THE CATWOMAN FOR GOOD SOON!
WHAT IS THE BATMAN UP TO? THE CATWOMAN IS IN LOVE WITH WAYNE ... BUT WHAT CAN THE BATMAN AS BRUCE DO ABOUT IT ?
APPARENTLY A LOT! FOR, IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, BRUCE WAYNE COURTS BEAUTIFUL 'ELVA BARR' IN A WHIRL - WIND ROMANCE!

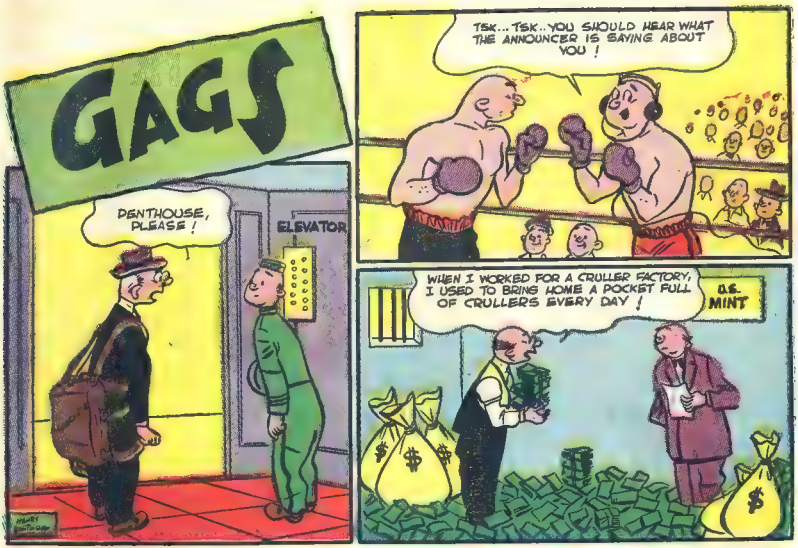
AND THEN, ONE MORNING, NEWSPAPERS ANNOUNCE THE ENGAGEMENT OF SOCIETY PLAYBOY TO BEAUTY CONTEST WINNER!
BUT, BRUCE, YOU CAN'T DO THIS! THAT ELVA'S THE CATWOMAN! WHAT'S GOT INTO YOU? WHAT ABOUT LINDA? WHAT ABOUT.. US?
PATIENCE, M'LAD, YOU'RE TOO YOUNG TO UNDERSTAND! THESE THINGS!
AND AT THE CATWOMAN'S HIDEOUT...
I'M ALL THROUGH, MEN! NO MORE CRIME! YOU READ THE PAPERS.. I'M ENGAGED NOW! I'M GOING STRAIGHT!
AW, THAT GUY BRUCE WAYNE AIN'T IN LOVE WITH YOU! HE'S SWEET ON LINDA PAGE! EVERYBODY KNOWS..
HOW DARE YOU SAY THAT!
I'M ONLY TELLING YOU THE TRUTH!
SLAP!
MAYBE ... MAYBE HE'S RIGHT! MAYBE I'M JUST A SILLY FOOL!
MEANWHILE, SOMEBODY ELSE HAS SEEN THE NEWSPAPERS.. A HURT, BEWILDERED GIRL.. LINDA PAGE...
AND I THOUGHT BRUCE LOVED ME! OH, I HATE HIM.. I HATE HIM! I DON'T CARE WHO HE'S ENGAGED TO!
BUT JEALOUS CURIOSITY LEADS HER TO MANON'S BEAUTY SALON FOR AN INSPECTION OF HER RIVAL IN LOVE!
LINDA PAGE! JUST THE PERSON I'M THINKING ABOUT! WHAT IS SHE DOING HERE?
COME TO LOOK ME OVER, EH? WELL, THAT'S VERY NICE! IT GIVES ME AN IDEA! I'LL MAKE ONE MORE CAST.. LINDA PAGE'S!
SHE'S BEAUTIFUL, ALL RIGHT.. BUT THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT HER THAT REMINDS ME OF A ... A SLEEK CAT!
LATER...
I'LL BECOME LINDA AND FIND OUT FROM BRUCE IF HE LOVES HER OR NOT!

AND SO, THAT AFTERNOON, THE CATWOMAN MEETS BRUCE WAYNE ...IN THE GUISE OF LINDA PAGE!
I WANTED TO FIND OUT PERSONALLY IF YOU ARE REALLY ENGAGED TO THAT GIRL!
NOW, LISTEN, LINDA, PLEASE UNDERSTAND! I--I'M DOING A FAVOR FOR THE BATMAN! HE ASKED ME TO DO THIS!
YOU MUST TRUST ME, LINDA! MY ENGAGEMENT WON'T BE FOR LONG!
JUST LONG ENOUGH, TO GET THE CATWOMAN GOING STRAIGHT!
SO HE REALLY DOESN'T LOVE ME! HE LOVES LINDA! AND HE'S JUST DOING THIS BECAUSE THE BATMAN ASKED HIM!
LINDA, PLEASE!
NEVER MIND, MR. WAYNE! I'M LEAVING! FOOL THAT I WAS!
THIS IS THE BATMAN'S FAULT! HE WANTED TO REFORM ME! WELL, I'LL SHOW HIM!
A DEJECTED BRUCE WAYNE, MEANWHILE, RETURNS HOME... AND RECEIVES AN INCREDIBLE MESSAGE!
LINDA CALLED ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES AGO TO CONGRULATE YOU, BRUCE! SHE SAID TO TELL YOU SHE WAS AT THE BEAUTY SALON AND SAW YOUR FIANCEE!
LINDA! WHY, I WAS WITH HER FIFTEEN MINUTES AGO! IT COULDN'T BE.. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
UNLESS.. UNLESS.. GREAT SCOTT! I SEE IT! I SEE IT NOW! MY PLAN'S SPOILED! THAT WAS THE CATWOMAN WITH ME!
SNAP
HUH? LOOK, I'M TOO YOUNG TO UNDERSTAND THESE THINGS!
BRUCE SWIFTLY BRINGS HIS YOUNG COMPANION UP-TO-DATE..
.. AND SO YOU SEE, EVERYTHING FITS! LINDA WAS AT THE BEAUTY PARLOR.. AND THE CATWOMAN TOOK HER PLACE! THAT'S WHY SHE WORKED THERE.. THAT WAS HER SCHEME: TO MAKE IMPRESSIONS OF WOMEN'S FACES!
I'M GLAD TO HEAR YOU'RE NOT IN LOVE WITH HER! SHE KNOWS THAT NOW, SO WATCH OUT!
PROPHETIC WORDS! HEADLINES SOON SCREAM THE SENSATIONAL NEWS OF THE CATWOMAN'S DARING RAIDS..
NEWS
CRIME QUEEN PULLS ANOTHER INSIDE JOB
HERALD
CATWOMAN ROBS SOCIETY GATHE
GOTHAM GAZETTE
BANDIT PRINCESS LOOTS
WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING! WE'VE GOT TO STOP HER! BUT WHERE CAN WE GET A LEAD TO HER? SHE'S DISAPPEARED AS ELVA BARR!
HMM! MAYBE I'LL HAVE SOME NEWS SOON! TOO YOUNG, AM I? I'LL SHOW HIM!
CATWOMAN ESCAPES
10

FOR UNKNOWN TO THE SENIOR CRIME-FIGHTER, THE BOY WONDER HAS BEEN PLAYING A LONE HAND, TOO!
HURRY UP, KID! I AIN'T GOT ALL DAY!
OKAY, MISTER, OKAY! I'M NEW HERE! GIMME A CHANCE!
JIM JONES, THE PITCHMAN! I FIGURED HE'D RETURN HERE SOONER OR LATER! HOT DOG! MAYBE I CAN FIND OUT SOMETHING NOW IF I KEEP MY EARS OPEN!
SOME TIME LATER; AT THE WAYNE HOME..
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING, YOUNGSTER?
OH, JUST AFTER THE CATWOMAN! ER..I SUPPOSE YOU CAN COME ALONG, TOO.. ALTHOUGH YOU MIGHT BE TOO OLD TO UNDERSTAND THIS SORT OF THING!
NOW LOOK HERE, BRAT, WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO? SPEAK UP.. OR YOU GET A SPANKING!
HEY! DONT HIT ME! I'LL TALK!
.. AND SO I HEARD THIS JIM JONES MENTION THE FAIRVIEW PET SHOW THAT'S BEING HELD TODAY! SOME KIND OF A JOB IS BEING PULLED THERE!
SURE, THEY'VE GOT SOME VALUABLE ANIMALS AND ONLY A SELECTED FEW ARE INVITED! THE CATWOMAN MUST BE TAKING SOMEBODY'S PLACE! MAYBE WE WILL, TOO!
LATER... AT THE FAIRVIEW SHOW, WHERE A STRANGE ASSORTMENT OF PETS IS BEING DISPLAYED BY PROUD OWNERS....
BLAST THAT STEWARD! ... ANCHORS AWEIGH! ACES AND KINGS, MISTER ... BEAT THEM....
HE'S BEEN ON ALL MY SEA TRIPS WITH ME! HE REPEATS EVERYTHING I SAY! WATCH YOUR TONGUE, ADMIRAL!
ISN'T HE CUTE!

NEAR AN ENGLISH SCOTTIE, A FEMALE SPITFIRE LURKS SAFELY BEHIND THE KINDLY GUISE OF A WELL-KNOWN ANIMAL LOVER . . . . . .
HOW DO YOU DO, MRS. LEROY? WONDERFUL SHOW!
AIN'T THE CATWOMAN A WONDER?
YEAH, SHE ALMOST HAS ME FOOLED!
BUT ELSEWHERE, DISGUISE HAS TRANSFORMED TWO OTHER FAMILIAR FIGURES . . . . .
THE WAY YOU'RE STICKING NEAR THAT PENGUIN, YOU MIGHT THINK WE'RE AFTER HIM INSTEAD OF THE CATWOMAN!
CUT IT OUT, ROBIN! DID YOU SPOT HER?
YES, THAT JIM JONES GUY IS OVER NEAR THE SCOTTIES! THE SWEET OLD LADY WITH HIM MUST BE THE CATWOMAN!
GOOD! WE'D BETTER GET INTO OUR ACTION SUITS! SOMETHING'S DUE TO BREAK!
ALMOST AS THOUGH SHE HAD READ HIS MIND, THE FELINE CRIME QUEEN BARES HER CLAWS IN A MENACING MOVE!
HA, HA! SURE! AND IT'LL COST YOU PLENTY TO GET 'EM BACK! IT'S A KID-NAP...I MEAN DOG-NAP! HA, HA!
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?
WE'RE JUST GOING TO TAKE CARE OF THESE PEDIGREED DOGS FOR A WHILE! WE'RE COLLECTING VALUABLE PETS TODAY!
THEN, LIKE TWIN NIGHTMARES, THE POWERHOUSE PAIR BREAKS UP THE HAPPY DREAM!
HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE A CAT-NAP?
YOU TWO AGAIN! DON'T YOU EVER MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS?
SURE, CATWOMAN! THIS IS OUR BUSINESS!
YOU'LL BE SORRY YET, YOU TWO!
BULLETS HISS THEIR DEADLY SONG OF DEATH AS THE CATWOMAN'S HENCHMEN FIGHT LIKE CORNERED RATS!
P-I-N-G!
DOWN, ROBIN! THESE MUGGS ARE'NT FOOLING!
RIGHT! I HOPE THEY DON'T HIT THOSE DOGS!

SUDDENLY. . . .
AT 'EM, MEN! AT 'EM!
WATCH OUT.. SOMEBODY IN BACK OF US!
THE STARTLED THUGS WHIRL . . . . . AND SEE. . . . .
IT'S A MUTINY! AT 'EM, MEN! AT 'EM!
AH.. A.. AHEM..
HUH? IT'S ONLY A PARROT!
THIS IS OUR CHANCE, ROBIN!
THE TWO SENTINELS OF JUSTICE CHARGE... AND WHIRLWIND FISTS SCATTER THE CRIME MINIONS LIKE LEAVES IN A STORM!
CLEAN UP TIME, ROBIN! NO MORE FOOLING!
CHECK!
OH, NO, YOU DON'T! YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY THIS TIME!
LOOK AT THOSE CATS FLOCKING TO THEIR KINSWOMAN! MAYBE THEY WILL HELP HER FIGHT ME OFF!
OHHH!
MEEOW!
BUT IRONY OF IRONIES..
POETIC JUSTICE! A CAT TRIPS UP THE CATWOMAN.. LITERALLY!
EEEE!
YOU'RE THE ONE MAN WHO ALWAYS WINS! WELL, YOU CAN'T SAY I DIDN'T TRY TO GO STRAIGHT!
I'M AFRAID YOU'RE HOPELESS, CATWOMAN! THERE'S ONLY ONE PLACE WHERE I'M SURE YOU'LL GO STRAIGHT! IN PRISON!
AND NEXT DAY...
GLAD THAT'S OVER! I HOPE LINDA WILL FORGIVE ME NOW!
SHE WILL, ROMEO! BUT WILL THE CATWOMAN?
CATWOMAN CAUGHT!
HOW LONG WILL THE MISTRESS OF MENACE REMAIN BEHIND THOSE BARS? HOW SOON AGAIN BEFORE CRIME'S BEAUTIFUL QUEEN WILL BE FREE AGAIN TO GATHER A NEW RING OF ROGUES?


GAGS
PENTHOUSE, PLEASE!
ELEVATOR
TSK...TSK..YOU SHOULD HEAR WHAT THE ANNOUNCER IS SAYING ABOUT YOU!
WHEN I WORKED FOR A CRULLER FACTORY, I USED TO BRING HOME A POCKET FULL OF CRULLERS EVERY DAY!
U.S. MINT

IS IT LEGAL TO KILL BATMAN?

THAT'S AN ODD QUESTION, ISN'T IT? YET, **LARRY THE JUDGE** THOUGHT HE KNEW THE ANSWER----AND HIS ANSWER WAS..."YES"

RESPECTED UPPER-CRUST CITIZEN BY DAY.... VENOMOUS DENIZEN OF THE UNDERWORLD BY NIGHT, **LARRY, THE JUDGE** SETS HIMSELF UP AS A PURVEYOR OF PERMITS TO LOOT AND STEAL....VERITABLE **"LICENSES FOR LARCENY"**

...AND AT LENGTH HE ISSUES A LICENSE TO **HIMSELF**; A LICENSE TO TRACK DOWN AND ASSASSINATE **BATMAN!**

DON'T MISS THIS EXCITINGLY DIFFERENT ADVENTURE IN THE FEBRUARY ISSUE ON SALE DEC. 23RD

ALSO IN EVERY ISSUE OF DETECTIVE COMICS **BOY COMMANDOS**

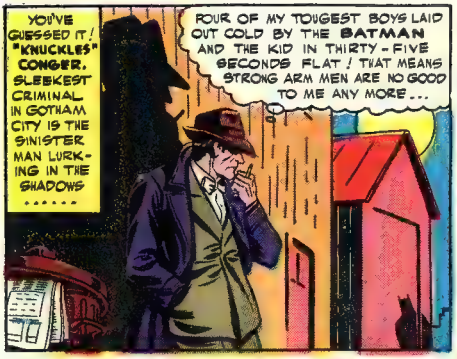
LUCKY-BUCKY

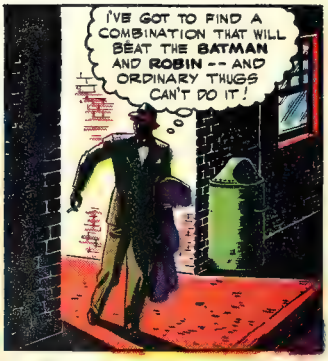
THIS LOOKS LIKE A GOOD SPOT TO CAMP, LUCKY.
FINE---LET'S PITCH THE TENT.
THERE!...NOW, IF YOU'LL CATCH SOME FISH FOR DINNER, I'LL GATHER THE FIRE WOOD.
AH!...A RIPPLING BROOK---NOW FOR A RAINBOW, OR SMALL-MOUTH---
OH, BOY! LOOK AT THAT BABY!
HM-M-M--MAYBE THE BAIT FELL OFF---

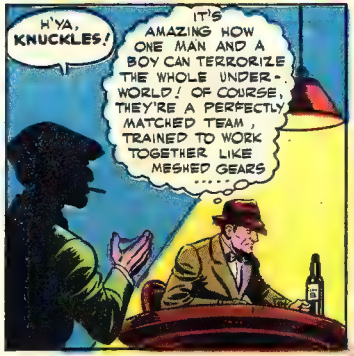
THIS FRESH, JUICY WORM OUGHT TO GET 'EM!
THREE HOURS--AND NOT EVEN A NIBBLE!!
I GIVE UP! I GUESS I'M JUST "HARD LUCK."
WARNING! $25. FINE FOR EACH FISH TAKEN FROM THIS BROOK
ANY LUCK, BUCKY?
I'LL SAY...
...I DIDN'T CATCH A THING!!

BAT MAN
WITH
ROBIN
How would YOU like to put on the fighting togs of ROBIN and risk peril at the side of the mighty BATMAN! Here is the amazing story of a homeless boy who dreamed of just that--and was the proudest and happiest kid in America when he saw his dream come true! Or rather, THOUGHT he saw it coming true--for what followed proved to be one of the meanest frauds ever perpetrated! But BATMAN and ROBIN hurtle into swift action when they hear about "THE BOY WHO WANTED TO BE ROBIN!"
R
WHAT COLD EYES ARE THESE THAT PEER CRAFTILY AT A SPECTACLE THAT WOULD TERRIFY ANOTHER MAN?

WHO IS THIS DARK-CLAD AUDIENCE OF ONE, LURKING UNSEEN IN THE SHADOWS OF THE WATERFRONT?
WAREHOUSE NO 58
WE SHALL KNOW PRESENTLY... BUT FIRST LET US SEE WHAT IT IS THAT HOLDS HIS ATTENTION SO CLOSELY...
AHA! THE BATMAN AND ROBIN, FEARED ARCHFOES OF THE UNDERWORLD, HAVE POUNCED ONCE AGAIN UPON A GANG OF THIEVES AND KILLERS!
KNUCKLES TO YOU, SPIKE! WHICH REMINDS ME--WHERE IS "KNUCKLES" CONGER, THE BOSS OF YOUR MOB?
HE AIN'T WHERE YOU'RE GONNA BE IN A MINUTE, BATMAN!
YOU COULDN'T HIT A BARN DOOR WITH THIS BARN DOOR HITTING YOU!
HELP! ME CHOPPERS BACKFIRIN'!
HEY--IT GIVES ME DIZZY SPELLS TO GET TOSSED AROUND!
SWING AND SWAY THE BATMAN'S WAY!
2
GUESS WE CAN GO HOME, SOON AS THE POLICE SHOW UP!
AW---WE NEVER HAVE THIS MUCH FUN AT HOME!
THEY'RE "KNUCKLES" CONGER'S RATS ALL RIGHT! TOO BAD WE COULDN'T HAVE GOT HIM, TOO--THE SLICKEST OF THEM ALL!
IF ONLY WE KNEW WHERE "KNUCKLES" WAS, WE WOULDN'T KNOCK OFF SO EARLY!


YOU'VE GUESSED IT! "KNUCKLES" CONGER, SLEEKEST CRIMINAL IN GOTHAM CITY IS THE SINISTER MAN LURKING IN THE SHADOWS . . . . . .
FOUR OF MY TOUGEST BOYS LAID OUT COLD BY THE BATMAN AND THE KID IN THIRTY-FIVE SECONDS FLAT! THAT MEANS STRONG ARM MEN ARE NO GOOD TO ME ANY MORE . . .


I'VE GOT TO FIND A COMBINATION THAT WILL BEAT THE BATMAN AND ROBIN -- AND ORDINARY THUGS CAN'T DO IT!


H'YA, KNUCKLES!
IT'S AMAZING HOW ONE MAN AND A BOY CAN TERRORIZE THE WHOLE UNDERWORLD! OF COURSE, THEY'RE A PERFECTLY MATCHED TEAM, TRAINED TO WORK TOGETHER LIKE MESHED GEARS . . . . .

I'VE BEEN A TRACK ATHLETE . . . AN ACROBAT . . . A BOXER. I COULD GET IN SHAPE FOR FAST ACTION . . .

BUT I'D HAVE TO HAVE HELP -- AND NO MUSCLE-BOUND BRUISER IN THE RACKETS COULD BE TRAINED TO HELP ME . . . UNLESS IT WAS --

-- A KID! YES . . . IT'S THE PERFECT GET-UP! WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF IT SOONER? IF THE BATMAN CAN DO IT, I CAN! I'LL HAVE A KID HELP ME!

THE BOSS DIDN'T GIVE US A TUMBLE!
NO MORE LOW GRADE CROOKS FOR ME! I'M HITTING THE HIGH SPOTS FROM NOW ON - - - AND USING THE BATMAN'S OWN METHODS AGAINST THE LAW!

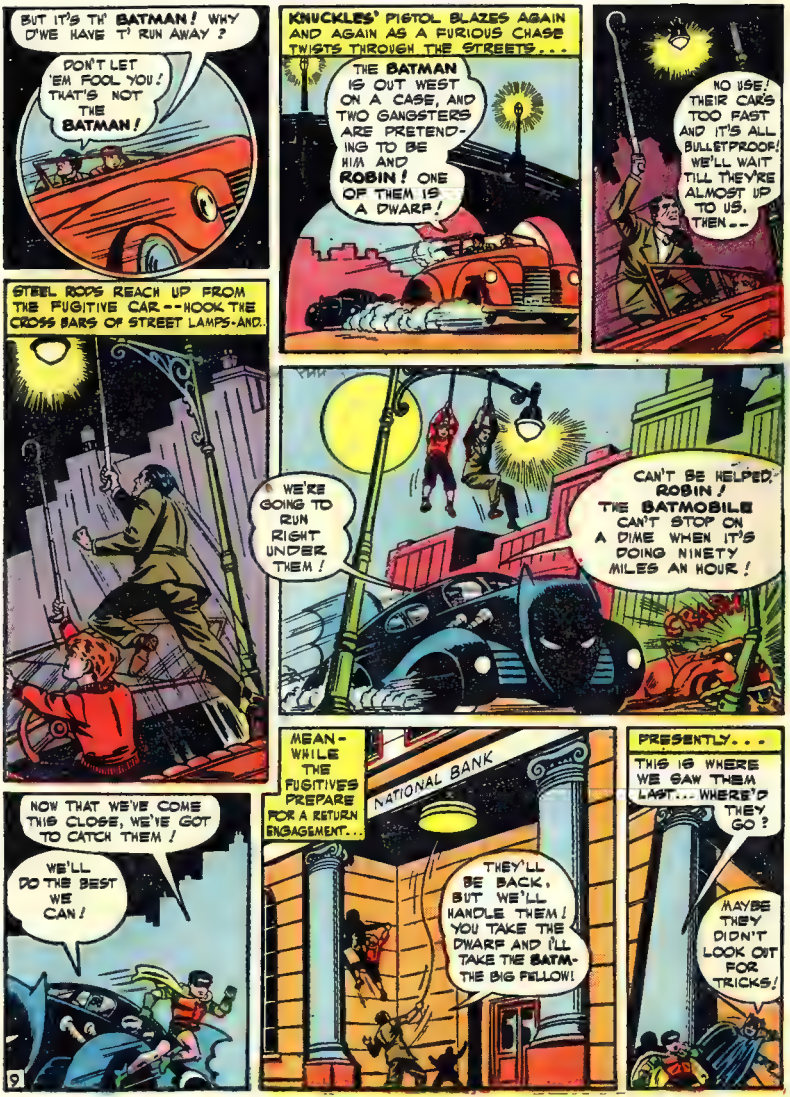
AND NOW LET US MAKE THE ACQUAINTANCE OF A CERTAIN YOUNG MAN OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO OUR STORY..
SHINE 5¢
BOBBY DEEN, HOMELESS BOOT-BLACK, HAS A CUSTOMER...
SHINE 'EM UP, KID!
HUH?..OH --SURE, MISTER
WHAT'S THAT YOU'RE READING, SON ?
IT'S ABOUT TH' BATMAN . . . YOU KNOW-TH' ONE WHO ROUNDS UP ALL THE CROOKS!
SURE, I KNOW! GREAT FELLOW, ISN'T HE ?
I GUESS THERE'S NO-BODY GREATER IN THE WHOLE WORLD! GOLLY, ROBIN IS A LUCKY KID TO BE HIS PAL!
I'LL BET YOU WISH YOU WERE LIKE ROBIN !
MISTER, YOU GUESSED IT ! LOTS OF NIGHTS I DREAM I AM ROBIN-- ONLY WHEN I WAKE UP I'M STILL JUST A KID WITHOUT ANY FOLKS, OUT ON HIS OWN !
AN ORPHAN, EH? EVER DO ANY ATHLETICS ?
I WAS TRACK CHAMP OF MY CLASS WHEN I WENT TO SCHOOL, BEFORE MOM 'N' POP DIED... AND EVERY DAY I HAVE TO FIGHT TOUGH KIDS A LOT BIGGER 'N ME!
KID, I'M THE ANSWER TO YOUR DREAMS !
A TEN SPOT ! YOU AIN'T FOOLIN' ? AND WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT DREAMS ?
I'M LIKE THE BATMAN, SEE ? I HUNT CROOKS ! IF YOU'D LIKE, I'LL TRAIN YOU TO WORK WITH ME ... TO BE JUST LIKE ROBIN !
MISTER, DO YOU REALLY MEAN IT ? 'CAUSE IF YOU DO-- WHY, I'M THE SECOND LUCKIEST KID IN GOTHAM !
4

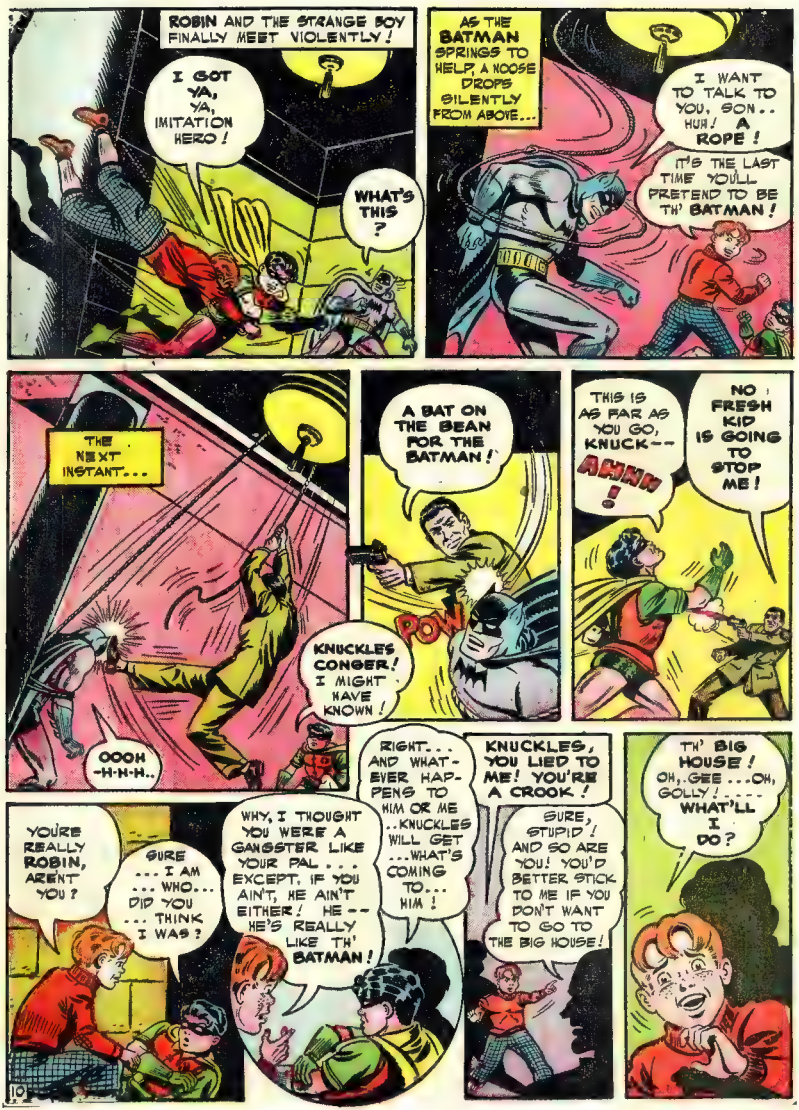
SO IT IS THAT THE LOFT OF A HUGE OLD BARN, IN A SECLUDED SPOT BEYOND THE CITY LIMITS, FOR MANY DAYS IS THE SCENE OF MORE ACTION THAN MOST OLD BARNS HOLD IN A LIFETIME..
NOW LET GO THE ROPE AND REVERSE YOUR BODY!
THAT'S RIGHT! KEEP YOUR ARMS AND LEGS STRAIGHT AND HIT HIM HARD WITH YOUR SHOULDER!
YOU'LL DO! NOW I'LL TAKE A TURN AT IT WHILE YOU CATCH YOUR BREATH!
JUST LIKE IN THE CIRCUS!
IT'S FUN NOW - BUT IT'LL BE RISKY WHEN WE HAVE TO HURRY ACROSS TELEPHONE WIRES WITHOUT BALANCING POLES AND WITH CONCRETE PAVEMENT BELOW!
GOING UP IS THE EASIEST PART.... IT'S THE COMING DOWN THAT'S HARD!
GEE, I NEVER EXPECTED TO DO ALL THESE THINGS!
IMAGINE A KID LIKE ME DOING THIS TO A MAN YOUR SIZE!
IF YOU KNOW YOUR JU-JITSU AND KEEP IN PRACTICE, SIZE DOESN'T MATTER!
THIS IS BETTER THAN BOXING TO TEACH SPEED, TIMING AND BALANCE!
OH, BOY.. IF I EVER GO TO SCHOOL AGAIN, WON'T I SURPRISE THE OTHER KIDS!
AND SO IS BORN A NEW PRECISION TEAM OF FORMIDABLE FIGHTERS..
A UNIT PATTERNED AFTER THE FAMOUS BATMAN-ROBIN COMBINATION.
BUT DEDICATED TO QUITE DIFFERENT ENDS, AS WE SHALL SEE...
5

FINALLY...
TONIGHT WE PULL OUR FIRST JOB--ER--I MEAN, STRIKE OUR FIRST BLOW AT CRIME! I'VE GOT A LINE ON A CROOKED JEWLER!
GOSH! I'M ALL GOOSE-PIMPLES! I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO GET INTO A UNIFORM LIKE ROBIN!
UNIFORM! NIX ON THAT STUFF, YOUNGSTER! WE'LL GET ALONG BETTER WEARING PLAIN DARK CLOTHES!
BUT I THOUGHT... OH, WELL-JUST AS YOU SAY, KNUCKLES!
NIGHT -- AND AN EAGER BOY INNOCENTLY FOLLOWS A MASTER CRIMINAL ALONG A DARK AND CROOKED ROAD...
YOU GO FIRST -- RIGHT THROUGH THE WINDOW ON THE FOURTH FLOOR...IF YOU SEE A WATCHMAN, TACKLE HIM! HE'S A CROOK!
I'LL TACKLE HIM, ALL RIGHT!
PALACE THEATRE
MOMENTS LATER...
NICE GOING, PAL!
GOT HIM!
UUHH!
FIRST THING IS TO GATHER THE EVIDENCE!
ALL STOLEN BY CROOKS, AND PEDDLED TO THE PHONEY JEWELER, HUH?
BUT UNKNOWINGLY THE PROWLERS HAVE TOUCHED OFF AN ALARM!
IT'S THE ACME JEWELRY SHOP IN THE PALACE THEATRE BUILDING. WE'LL HAVE THE PLACE SURROUNDED IN A MINUTE!
COPS! QUICK -- WE'LL MAKE OUR GETAWAY FROM THE ROOF!
BUT IF WE EXPLAINED -- WOULDN'T THEY LET US GO? THE BATMAN DOES LOTS A SPECIAL JOBS FOR COMMISSIONER GORDON...
6

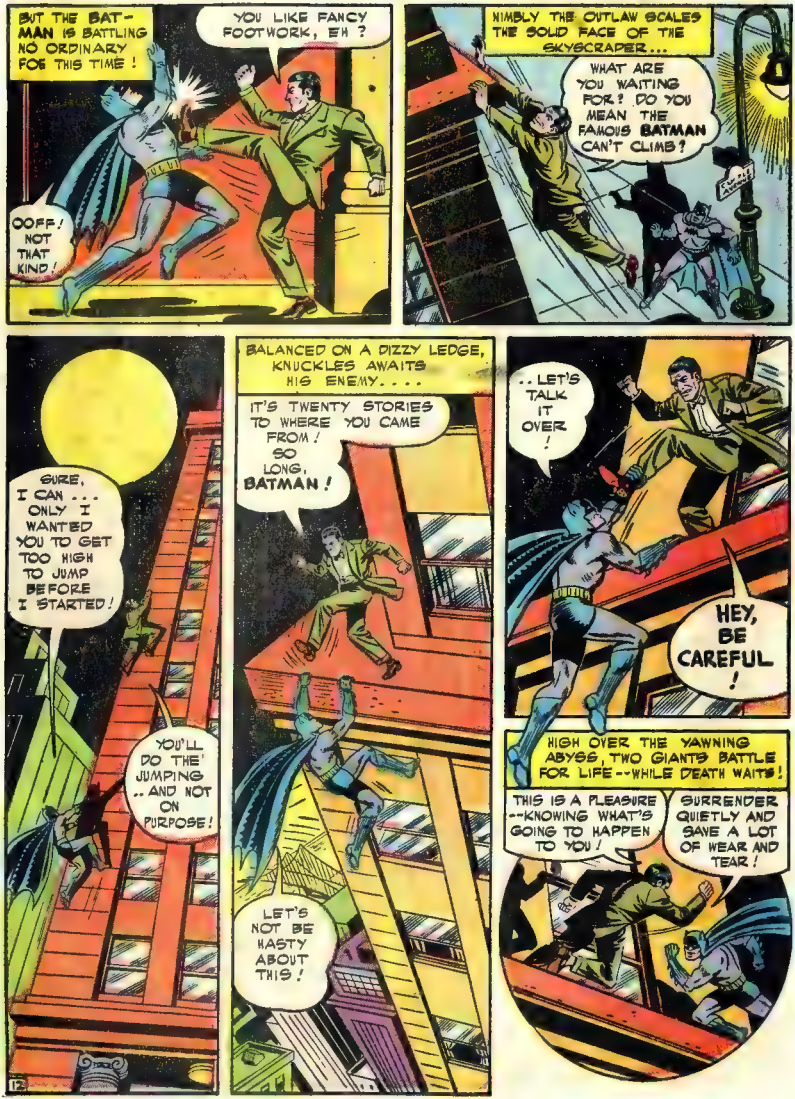
THE POLICE WON'T BELIEVE US, BECAUSE WE'RE NEW IN THE RACKET! HURRY WITH THAT COLLAPSIBLE GLIDER!
I'M HURRYIN'!
SILENTLY, TWO DARK, WINGED SHAPES GLIDE UNSEEN ABOVE THE HEADS OF THE GRIM POLICEMEN . . .
I'LL BE GLAD WHEN TH' COPS GET T' KNOW US!
DON'T WORRY! I'LL TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING!
NEXT DAY . . .
THAT'S HOW IT IS.. NOT EVEN THE COPS KNOW ABOUT THE JEWELER BEING CROOKED
UH-HUH . . .
THIEVES GET CRIME GOGGLE POLICE HAT
LIGHTNING-SWIFT -- PERFECTLY CO-ORDINATED -- THE WILY KNUCKLES AND HIS YOUNG HELPER STRIKE AGAIN AND AGAIN!
5TH AVE
193 ST.
OKAY -- NOW WE'LL RUSH IN, GRAB WHAT WE CAN, AND GET AWAY FAST!
I NEVER HEARD O' TH' BATMAN DESTROYING PROPERTY!
BUT WHAT IF YA SLUGGED THAT BANKER -- I MEAN, THAT CROOK WHO'S PRETENDING T' BE A BANKER -- TOO HARD?
I TOLD YOU TO LET ME DO THE WORRYING! YOUR JOB IS TO FOLLOW ORDERS!
THE BATMAN AND ROBIN NEVER USE GUNS!
I'M USING BLANK CARTRIDGES! NOW SHUT UP, DUCK OUT THE BACK WAY AND GET THE CAR STARTED!
ALTOGETHER, THE BEWILDERED BOBBY ISN'T HAVING AS MUCH FUN AS HE EXPECTED..
I WONDER IF ROBIN HAS IT THIS TOUGH? HE CAN WEAR A UNIFORM . . . AND IF KNUCKLES IS REALLY ON THE LEVEL, I'D LIKE TO SEE HIM PUT SOME CROOKS BEHIND BARS..
IF YOU ARE BEGINNING TO THINK THAT PERHAPS BOBBY HASN'T BEEN TOO BRIGHT, REMEMBER THAT HE IS IN THE HANDS OF THE MAN WHOM THE BATMAN HIMSELF TERMED THE SLICKEST CRIMINAL IN TOWN! REMEMBER, TOO, THAT BOBBY IS A SMALL BOY ALONE IN THE WORLD!
7

...YET NOT ALTOGETHER HOPELESS - FOR AT BRUCE WAYNE'S HOME KEEN INTEREST AWAKENS!
THE KID, BOBBY, MUST BE SMART, BRUCE! I'D LIKE TO MEET HIM!
IF THE BATMAN AND ROBIN KEEP HUNTING, DICK, YOU'RE BOUND TO, SOONER OR LATER!
THIS NIGHT, AS ON OTHERS, A WEIRD CAR LEAVES THE WAYNE HOME TO PROWL - THE BATMOBILE!
WHERE TO THIS TIME, BATMAN?
THE FINANCIAL DISTRICT, ROBIN! OUR FRIENDS HAVEN'T BOTHERED IT YET, BUT IT'S ONLY A QUESTION OF TIME BEFORE THEY DO!
AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT, TWO FIGURES ARE ENTERING A WINDOW THERE AT THIS MOMENT...
WHEW! EVEN IF I WAS A REAL FLY, I'D HATE TO MAKE THAT CLIMB OVER AGAIN!
WE'LL GET DOWN WITH OUR NEW WIRE REELS AND FRICTION GRIPS!
YOU SAY THOSE ARE ALL COUNTERFEIT? HOW DO YOU KNOW?
I HAVE MY OWN SOURCES OF INFORMATION!
SEEMS FUNNY NOTHIN' EVER HAPPENS TO THESE CROOKS YOU TELL ABOUT AND THE COPS KEEP CALLIN' US ROBBERS!
FUNNY? WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
NYBA
NOTHIN'-- ONLY IF YA BEEN KIDDIN' ME--
WHY, YOU BRAT!
MAYBE IT'S TIME TO GET RID OF YOU AND FIND ANOTHER KID THAT WON'T BE HOUNDING ME ALL THE TIME!
NO, KNUCKLES! PLEASE! A-A-A-A
SUDDENLY...
GREAT SCOTT-- IT'S THEM!
COME ON, BOBBY -- GET BEHIND THAT WHEEL AND DRIVE! SORRY I LOST MY TEMPER!
UGH! MY THROAT! YOU--YOU SCARED ME HALF TO DEATH!


BUT IT'S TH' BATMAN! WHY D'WE HAVE T' RUN AWAY?
DON'T LET 'EM FOOL YOU! THAT'S NOT THE BATMAN!
KNUCKLES' PISTOL BLAZES AGAIN AND AGAIN AS A FURIOUS CHASE TWISTS THROUGH THE STREETS...
THE BATMAN IS OUT WEST ON A CASE, AND TWO GANGSTERS ARE PRETENDING TO BE HIM AND ROBIN! ONE OF THEM IS A DWARF!
NO USE! THEIR CAR'S TOO FAST AND IT'S ALL BULLETPROOF! WE'LL WAIT TILL THEY'RE ALMOST UP TO US, THEN--
STEEL ROPS REACH UP FROM THE FUGITIVE CAR--HOOK THE CROSS BARS OF STREET LAMPS-AND..
WE'RE GOING TO RUN RIGHT UNDER THEM!
CAN'T BE HELPED, ROBIN! THE BATMOBILE CAN'T STOP ON A DIME WHEN IT'S DOING NINETY MILES AN HOUR!
CRASH!
MEANWHILE THE FUGITIVES PREPARE FOR A RETURN ENGAGEMENT...
NATIONAL BANK
THEY'LL BE BACK, BUT WE'LL HANDLE THEM! YOU TAKE THE DWARF AND I'LL TAKE THE BATM- THE BIG FELLOW!
PRESENTLY...
THIS IS WHERE WE SAW THEM LAST... WHERE'D THEY GO?
MAYBE THEY DIDN'T LOOK OUT FOR TRICKS!
NOW THAT WE'VE COME THIS CLOSE, WE'IE GOT TO CATCH THEM!
WE'LL DO THE BEST WE CAN!
9


ROBIN AND THE STRANGE BOY FINALLY MEET VIOLENTLY!
I GOT YA, YA, IMITATION HERO!
WHAT'S THIS?
AS THE BATMAN SPRINGS TO HELP, A NOOSE DROPS SILENTLY FROM ABOVE...
I WANT TO TALK TO YOU, SON.. HUH! A ROPE!
IT'S THE LAST TIME YOU'LL PRETEND TO BE TH' BATMAN!
THE NEXT INSTANT...
A BAT ON THE BEAN FOR THE BATMAN!
POW
KNUCKLES CONGER! I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN!
OOOH -H-N-H..
THIS IS AS FAR AS YOU GO, KNUCK-- AHNN!
NO! FRESH KID IS GOING TO STOP ME!
YOU'RE REALLY ROBIN, AREN'T YOU?
SURE ... I AM ... WHO... DID YOU ... THINK I WAS?
WHY, I THOUGHT YOU WERE A GANGSTER LIKE YOUR PAL ... EXCEPT, IF YOU AIN'T, HE AIN'T EITHER! HE -- HE'S REALLY LIKE TH' BATMAN!
RIGHT... AND WHATEVER HAPPENS TO HIM OR ME ..KNUCKLES WILL GET ...WHAT'S COMING TO... HIM!
KNUCKLES, YOU LIED TO ME! YOU'RE A CROOK!
SURE, STUPID! AND SO ARE YOU! YOU'D BETTER STICK TO ME IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GO TO THE BIG HOUSE!
TH' BIG HOUSE! OH, GEE ...OH, GOLLY!.... WHAT'LL I DO?

WE'LL SCRAM OUT OF HERE SOON AS I BUMP OFF THESE MEDDLERS!
OH, NO, KNUCKLES!
I DON'T CARE IF I DO GO TO PRISON! YOU'RE NOT GONNA DO ANY MORE HARM!
YOU'RE ASKING FOR IT...
ALL YOU'VE DONE, YOU LITTLE DOUBLECROSSER, IS SIGN YOUR OWN DEATH WARRANT!
YA TAUGHT ME THIS TRICK YASELF -- BUT YA NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE USING IT THIS WAY!
THIS IS ONLY A STARTER!
OH!
WOUNDED AND WEAK AS HE IS, ROBIN STRUGGLES TO THE SIDE OF BATMAN..
BATMAN! WAKE UP! BATMAN!
WH-WHERE AM I? ... MY HEAD...
SLOWLY, THE BATTLING CRIME-CRUSHER COLLECTS HIS SENSES, GATHERS HIS MUSCLES-THEN..
MUST SAVE THAT BOY AT ALL COSTS ... LOOK OUT, KNUCKLES!
I'LL FIX THIS LITTLE-- HUH? OH, SO I'VE GOT TO QUIET YOU DOWN WITH LEAD, HAVE I?
A FLEXING OF STEEL-SPRING MUSCLES... A BOOTED FOOT LASHING OUTWARD ....
SUPPOSE WE FIGHT THIS ONE ON EVEN TERMS!
OW!... ALL RIGHT, YOU OVER-RATED PHONEY!


BUT THE BAT-MAN IS BATTLING NO ORDINARY FOE THIS TIME!
YOU LIKE FANCY FOOTWORK, EH?
OOFF! NOT THAT KIND!
NIMBLY THE OUTLAW SCALES THE SOLID FACE OF THE SKYSCRAPER...
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR! DO YOU MEAN THE FAMOUS BATMAN CAN'T CLIMB?
SURE, I CAN... ONLY I WANTED YOU TO GET TOO HIGH TO JUMP BEFORE I STARTED!
YOU'LL DO THE JUMPING -- AND NOT ON PURPOSE!
BALANCED ON A DIZZY LEDGE, KNUCKLES AWAITS HIS ENEMY....
IT'S TWENTY STORIES TO WHERE YOU CAME FROM! SO LONG, BATMAN!
LET'S NOT BE HASTY ABOUT THIS!
..LET'S TALK IT OVER!
HEY, BE CAREFUL!
HIGH OVER THE YAWNING ABYSS, TWO GIANTS BATTLE FOR LIFE--WHILE DEATH WAITS!
THIS IS A PLEASURE --KNOWING WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO YOU!
SURRENDER QUIETLY AND SAVE A LOT OF WEAR AND TEAR!
12

THE BATMAN SIDESTEPS A MUDEROUS LUNGE, AND...
HERE'S THE PAYOFF -- HELP! SAVE ME!
AM I IN YOUR WAY?
I DON'T KNOW WHY I'M GOING TO ALL THIS TROUBLE ... FOR RATS WHO LEAD KIDS INTO TROUBLE!
DON'T LET ME FALL, BATMAN! ANYTHING BUT THAT! I'LL MAKE A FULL CONFESSION!
LATER... IN POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE...
...AN' I THOUGHT I COULD BE LIKE ROBIN, AND WEAR A CLASSY UNIFORM, AN' CATCH CRIMINALS, BUT I GUESS I'LL WEAR A REFORM SCHOOL ONE!
NO, BOBBY... YOU HELPED CATCH KNUCKLES, AND SAVED THE BATMAN AND ROBIN!
BOBBY, HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL-- A FIRST CLASS SCHOOL?
SCHOOL? I'D LOVE IT! YA AIN'T KIDDIN'?
AND UNIFORMS THAT REALLY ARE SOMETHING?
SOMETIME LATER...
QUITE A PLACE, EH, DICK?
YOU KNOW, SOMETIMES I CATCH MYSELF WISHING I WAS BOBBY!
WE RAN INTO THE BATMAN AND ROBIN AND THEY ASKED US TO STOP BY AND SEE HOW YOU'RE DOING!
GEE, YOU KNOW THEM, SIR!? LOOKIT MY UNIFORM AN' ALL THE MEDALS I WON ALREADY!
TELL 'EM I'LL NEVER FORGET WHAT THEY DID FOR ME... AND TELL ROBIN I WANT TO BE LIKE HIM!
I'LL TELL HIM, BOB! IT'S THE FINEST COMPLIMENT HE'S EVER HAD!
The End.

THE BIG EIGHT!

Tops in monthly comic magazines!

STARRING

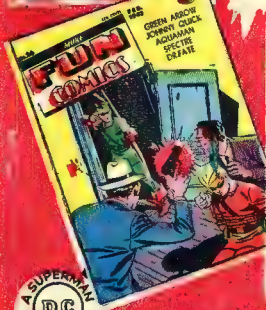
BATMAN!

SECOND HIT

BOY COMMANDOS

PLUS OTHER

TOP NOTCH FEATURES

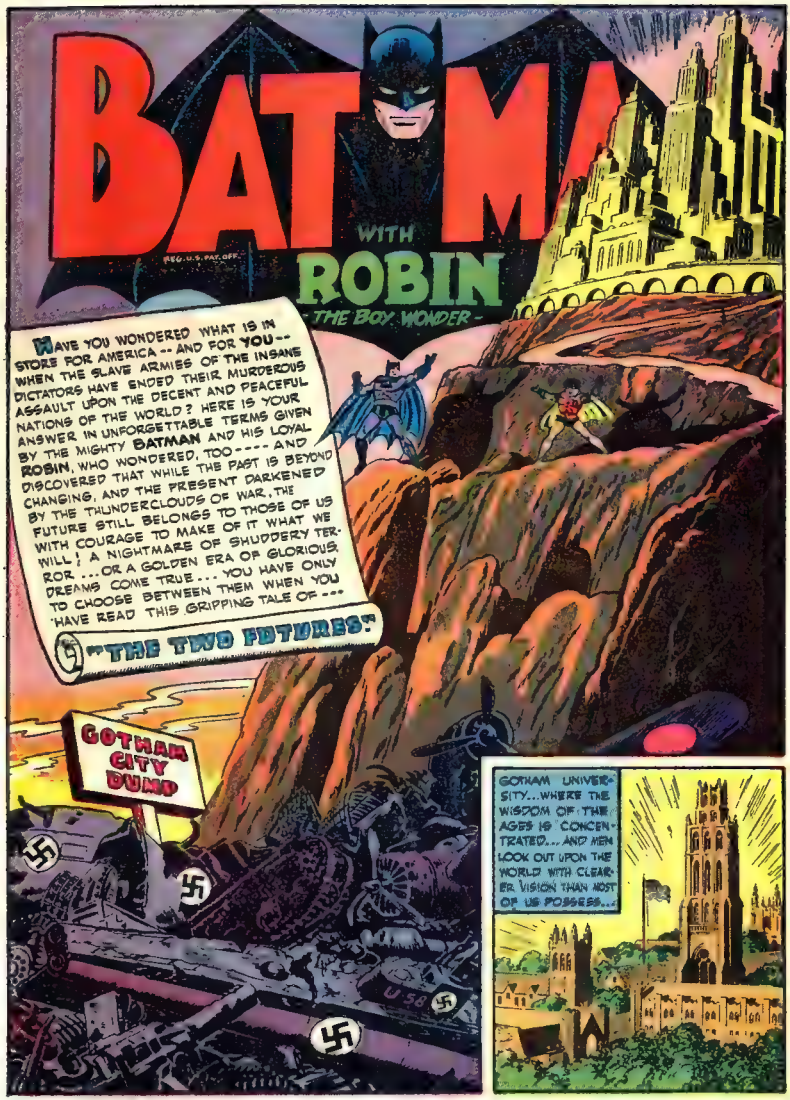


A SUPERMAN DC PUBLICATION

A SUPERMAN DC PUBLICATION

NOW ON SALE EVERYWHERE!

J. RUSHEM QUICKLY, ESQ.
HURRY!!
IS THERE A RAPID RESTAURANT IN THIS STATION WHERE A GUY CAN SNATCH SOME FAST FOOD??
YESSIR- RIGHT IN HERE→
IF Y'TELL ME WHAT YOU WANT, I CAN GET TO WORK ON IT WHILE YOU'RE TAKING OFF YOUR HAT.
HURRY-
HURRY-
HURRY!
WE HAVE LAMB, RAM, SHEEP AND MUTTON-ALSO MILK, COFFEE, TEA AND BREAD, ROLLS AND BISCUITS-
GIMME TWO, FOUR MINUTE EGGS-AND RUSH 'EM--
HARD BOILED EGGS SERVED HERE
NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PEAS LOST IN TRANSIT
OUR PIES CUT ALMOST TO NOTHING.
--MY TRAIN LEAVES IN TWO MINUTES!


BATMAN
WITH
ROBIN
- THE BOY WONDER -
REG. U.S. PAT. OFF.
HAVE YOU WONDERED WHAT IS IN STORE FOR AMERICA -- AND FOR YOU -- WHEN THE SLAVE ARMIES OF THE INSANE DICTATORS HAVE ENDED THEIR MURDEROUS ASSAULT UPON THE DECENT AND PEACEFUL NATIONS OF THE WORLD? HERE IS YOUR ANSWER IN UNFORGETTABLE TERMS GIVEN BY THE MIGHTY BATMAN AND HIS LOYAL ROBIN, WHO WONDERED, TOO---- AND DISCOVERED THAT WHILE THE PAST IS BEYOND CHANGING, AND THE PRESENT DARKENED BY THE THUNDERCLOUDS OF WAR, THE FUTURE STILL BELONGS TO THOSE OF US WITH COURAGE TO MAKE OF IT WHAT WE WILL! A NIGHTMARE OF SHUDDERY TERROR ... OR A GOLDEN ERA OF GLORIOUS DREAMS COME TRUE ... YOU HAVE ONLY TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THEM WHEN YOU HAVE READ THIS GRIPPING TALE OF ---
"THE TWO FUTURES!"
GOTHAM CITY DUMP
U 58
GOTHAM UNIVERSITY... WHERE THE WISDOM OF THE AGES IS CONCENTRATED... AND MEN LOOK OUT UPON THE WORLD WITH CLEARER VISION THAN MOST OF US POSSESS...

ACROSS THE SHADED CAMPUS STRIDE TWO FIGURES WHOSE COSTUMES BLEND STRANGELY WITH THE CLASSICAL BACKGROUND.
I DIDN'T EXPECT TO GO TO COLLEGE FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS, BATMAN, AND I THOUGHT YOUR EDUCATION WAS FINISHED!
AN INTELLIGENT PERSON IS NEVER THROUGH LEARNING, ROBIN!
PROFESSOR RANIER IS THE WORLD'S GREATEST HISTORIAN. HIS PREDICTIONS ARE USUALLY RIGHT!
AND YOU THINK HE CAN TELL US ABOUT THE FUTURE? OH, BOY!
WELL, WELL--THE BATMAN AND ROBIN! HOW DID YOU KNOW I WAS PUTTING YOU IN MY NEW BOOK ON MODERN HISTORY?
WE DIDN'T, PROFESSOR RANIER...WE CAME TO ASK ABOUT SOMETHING THAT HAS WORRIED US!
SO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO OUR DEMOCRATIC WAY OF LIFE WHEN THIS WAR IS OVER? HMMM--A LARGE ORDER!
MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ARE ANXIOUS TO KNOW THE ANSWER, SIR! EVEN IF IT'S BAD, WE THINK THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW!
HERE ARE PROFESSOR'S PROS AND CONS...WE THREE HAVE GONE INTO THIS THOROUGHLY!
WE CAN GIVE YOU THE WHOLE STORY--BUT CAN YOU TAKE IT?
NOTHING GOOD EVER CAME WITHOUT LABOR AND SACRIFICE...
WE CAN TAKE IT, IF IT'S TRUE--AND SO CAN EVERY OTHER REAL AMERICAN!
THE PIONEERS WHO BUILT OUR COUNTRY COULD TAKE IT, COULDN'T THEY?
VERY WELL, GENTLEMEN...IF YOU'LL STEP THIS WAY, WE SHALL GIVE YOU A REALISTIC PREVIEW OF THE WORLD OF THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE!
SOUNDS PRETTY SERIOUS... I'M A LITTLE NERVOUS!
A PREVIEW OF THE FUTURE! BY STRETCHING OUR IMAGINATIONS JUST A LITTLE, WE MAY SEE IT AS VIVIDLY AS IT IS SHOWN TO THE BATMAN AND ROBIN!... WE WILL REMEMBER THAT WHATEVER A MAN CAN IMAGINE IS POSSIBLE! YET IT'S OPPOSITE IS POSSIBLE ALSO! THUS MEN CAN DECIDE TO SINK OR STRIVE TOWARD THE LIGHT!

THE WAR THAT EVIL MEN PLOTTED THROUGH LONG YEARS WILL HARDLY END TOMORROW OR NEXT WEEK...

...YET THE DAY WILL SURELY COME WHEN THE DEMONS OF DESTRUCTION ARE GLUTTED, AND THE DOVE OF PEACE STRETCHES ITS WINGS ONCE MORE...

BUT WHAT KIND OF A PEACE IS THIS THAT HAS COME TO GOTHAM CITY? AND WHO ARE THESE SOLDIERS WHO MARCH THE STREETS?

THE THUNDER OF BOMBS HAS CEASED... BUT NOT THE CHATTER OF MURDEROUS GUNFIRE...

ALL AMERICANS WHO REFUSE TO KNEEL TO HONORABLE JAPANESE EMPEROR MUST BE EXECUTED!

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN CENTURIES, THE GIBBET REARS ITS UGLY BEAMS IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE...

THIS IS VERY RICH CITY! THE LOOTING IS VERY GOOD, YES?

ACH! WE ARE SENDING VALUABLES TO DER FUEHRER IN BERLIN!

AND THE CROWNING HORROR OF THE CONCENTRATION CAMP COMES INTO BEING...

HUSH, MY LITTLE BABY! PERHAPS THEY WILL GIVE US FOOD BEFORE THE DAY IS OVER!

LITTLE BOBBY LOGAN BRAVES THE WRATH OF THE CONQUERORS TO COMFORT HIS MOTHER AND BABY BROTHER...

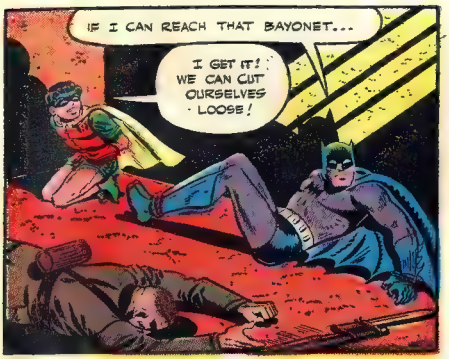
IT'S ALL THE FOOD I COULD FIND MOM--- BUT I'LL KEEP ON LOOKING!

BOBBY, YOU MUST BE CAREFUL! I COULDN'T BEAR IT IF THEY CAUGHT YOU, TOO!

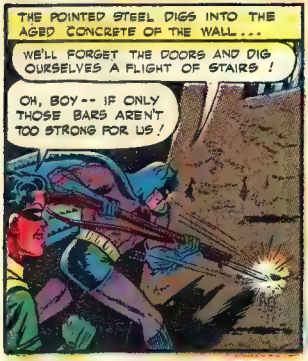
SO YOU LIDDLE SPY! IT IS VERBOTEN TO COME NEAR DER PRISONERS!
OW! LEGGO MY HAIR!
SMUGGLED FOOD, HEIN? FOR THAT YOU WILL NOT BE FED AT ALL!
YOU CAN'T DO THIS TO AMERICANS!
DON'T HURT HIM! DON'T HURT MY BOY!
OUCH!
DER LIDDLE BRAT WILL NEFFER KICK ANNUDDER SOLDIER OF DER FUEHRER!
O-O-O OH-H-H!
WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE, BATMAN?
I WANT TO HAVE A LOOK AT THE CONCENTRATION CAMP!
NEARBY, TWO ALL-AMERICAN FIGHTERS SWING THROUGH THE SHATTERED CITY ON THEIR MISSION OF HARRYING THE CRUEL FOE...
MOMENTS LATER...
LOOK! THE BULLIES ARE PICKING ON A LITTLE KID!
IT MAY BE THE LAST THING WE'LL EVER DO-- BUT WE'LL PUT A STOP TO THAT!
IF ONLY THERE WAS AN ARMY TO HELP US!
OUR ARMY DID IT'S BEST, ROBIN-- BUT COURAGE COULDN'T TAKE THE PLACE OF OVERWHELMING GUNS, TANKS AND PLANES!
HIMMEL-- DER MEN FROM MARS ARE ATTACKING!
I'LL SHOW YOU MARS IN A SECOND----- AND ALL THE OTHER PLANETS!
4

THIS IS YOUR FIRST LESSON IN ASTRONOMY!
ACH -- DER STARS ARE EXPLODING!
A BULLET WILL STOP THIS NONSENSE!
WASN'T IT YOU RATZIS WHO LIKED THE DIVE BOMBER SO MUCH?
AHHH!
NICE GOING, PAL!
AS OTHER GUARDS RUSH TO AID THEIR COMRADES, THE DYNAMIC DUO MATCHES FISTS AND WITS AGAINST BULLETS...
TOO BAD THIS WAR WASN'T SETTLED WITH FISTS!
KAMERAD!
HERR HITLER SHALL HEAR, OF THIS!
HOW DO YOU LIKE TAKING IT ON THE CHIN?
NOW I GET DER BRAT -- YIKE! I AM SHOT!
EVEN BOBBY LOGAN, BRUISED AND BATTERED, MAKES A COUNTER-ATTACK...
Z-I-N-G
GOOD BOY! BUT THIS IS A LOSING SCRAP...
WE CAN'T BEAT THE WHOLE NAZI ARMY ... TAKE YOUR MOTHER TO ANOTHER PART OF THE CAMP WHERE SHE'LL BE SAFER!
I'D RATHER STICK WITH YOU AND THE BATMAN -- BUT I GUESS IT'S UP TO ME TO LOOK OUT FOR MOM!
AS THE BRAVE LAD SLIPS AWAY WITH HIS MOTHER AND BABY BROTHER...
LOOK OUT, BATMAN!.... TOO LATE...
AHHH!

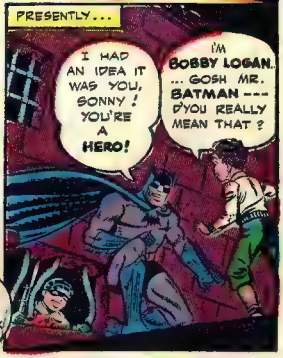
LET ME GO! I'D RATHER DIE FIGHTING BESIDE THE BATMAN THAN BE A PRISONER OF YOU DEVILS!
YOU SHALL DIE BESIDE HIM, NEVER FEAR--BUT NOT FIGHTING!
LATER, IN A GLIMY BASEMENT THAT HAS BEEN TURNED INTO A DUNGEON...
IF THEY'RE GOING TO SHOOT US, WHY DIDN'T THEY DO IT RIGHT AWAY?
THEY'VE FOUND OUT WHO WE ARE AND THEY'RE GOING TO MAKE A PUBLIC SPECTACLE OF OUR EXECUTION!
NIGHT... AND THROUGH THE SHADOWS OF THE PRISON CAMP CREEPS A TINY, DETERMINED FIGURE...
GEE -- THEY'LL SHOOT ME IF THEY SEE ME! BUT I GOTTA SEE IF I CAN HELP THE BATMAN!
THERE THEY ARE! THERE'S ROBIN AN' THE BATMAN --AN' A GUARD READY TO SHOOT THE MINUTE HE GETS SUSPICIOUS!
GOTTA MAKE HIM BEND DOWN SO I CAN HIT HIM WHERE HIS HELMET WONT DO ANY GOOD!
A TINY MISSLE SNARLS THROUGH THE DIM-LIGHTED PRISON ROOM. AND...
ACH! SUCH A SUDDEN ACHE IN MEIN PET CORN!
HUH? SOMETHING IS HAPPENING!
KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN... THIS MAY BE OUR CHANCE!
FIRST HIS FOOT, THEN HIS HEAD! I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT!
THE NEXT INSTANT...
AHHH!
SOMEBODY'S TRYING TO HELP US, PELLA -- AND I THINK I KNOW WHO!

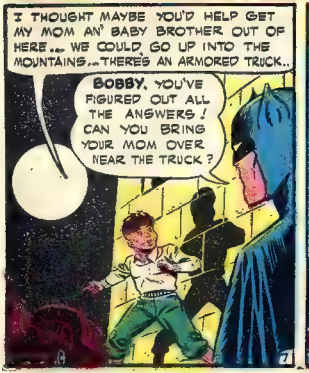

IF I CAN REACH THAT BAYONET...
I GET IT! WE CAN CUT OURSELVES LOOSE!

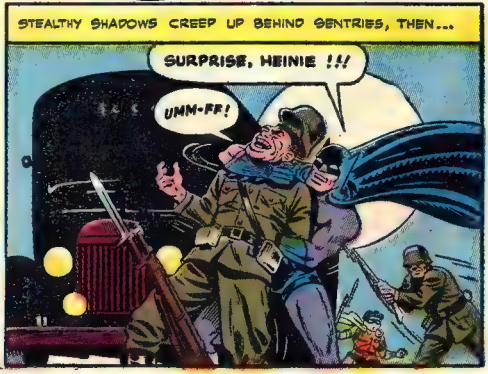
IT'S WORKING!
BUT WE'RE STILL LOCKED IN AND THERE ARE GUARDS OUTSIDE ALL THE DOORS!


THE POINTED STEEL DIGS INTO THE AGED CONCRETE OF THE WALL...
WE'LL FORGET THE DOORS AND DIG OURSELVES A FLIGHT OF STAIRS!
OH, BOY-- IF ONLY THOSE BARS AREN'T TOO STRONG FOR US!

...AND THE SPECIAL METAL OF THE RIFLE BARREL PROVES TOUGHER THAN THE WINDOW BARS...
IT'S TIME TO START WORRYING ABOUT THE NAZIS OUTSIDE!
WIN OR LOSE, IT'LL BE WORTH GETTING ANOTHER CRACK AT THEM!

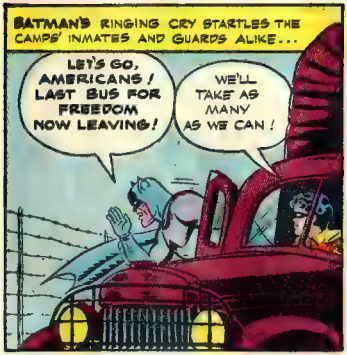

PRESENTLY...
I HAD AN IDEA IT WAS YOU, SONNY! YOU'RE A HERO!
I'M BOBBY LOGAN. ...GOSH MR. BATMAN --- D'YOU REALLY MEAN THAT?

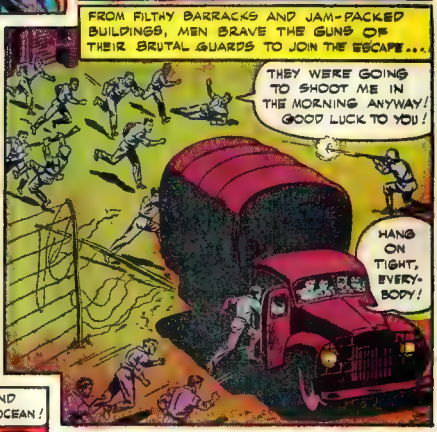

I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU'D HELP GET MY MOM AN' BABY BROTHER OUT OF HERE... WE COULD GO UP INTO THE MOUNTAINS...THERE'S AN ARMORED TRUCK..
BOBBY, YOU'VE FIGURED OUT ALL THE ANSWERS! CAN YOU BRING YOUR MOM OVER NEAR THE TRUCK?

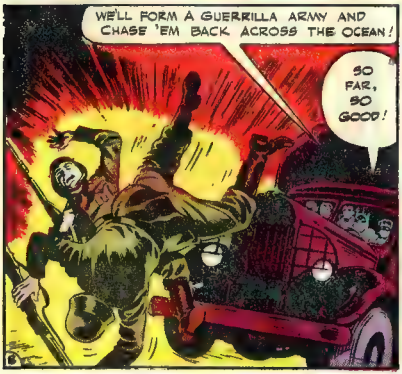

STEALTHY SHADOWS CREEP UP BEHIND SENTRIES, THEN...
SURPRISE, HEINIE !!!
UMM-FF!

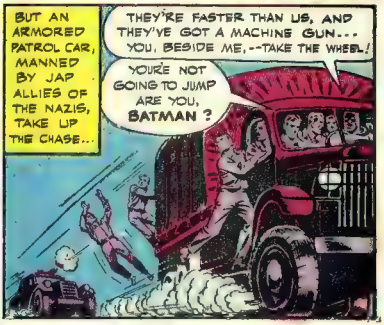
OOPS, SORRY --- I THOUGHT YOU WERE ADOLF!
HERE COMES BOBBY WITH HIS FAMILY!

THIS IS GOING TO BE RISKY, MRS. LOGAN...OUR CHANCES OF COMING THROUGH ALIVE ARE PRETTY SLIM!
WE'LL DIE OF STARVATION OR SICKNESS IF WE STAY HERE...ANYTHING WOULD BE BETTER!

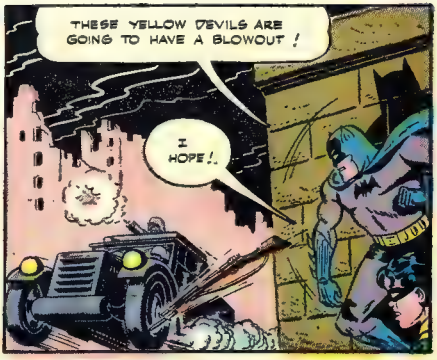

BATMAN'S RINGING CRY STARTLES THE CAMPS' INMATES AND GUARDS ALIKE...
LET'S GO, AMERICANS! LAST BUS FOR FREEDOM NOW LEAVING!
WE'LL TAKE AS MANY AS WE CAN!

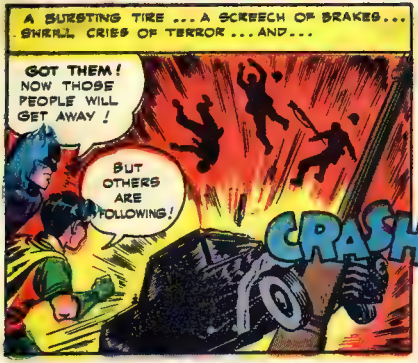

FROM FILTHY BARRACKS AND JAM-PACKED BUILDINGS, MEN BRAVE THE GUNS OF THEIR BRUTAL GUARDS TO JOIN THE ESCAPE...
THEY WERE GOING TO SHOOT ME IN THE MORNING ANYWAY! GOOD LUCK TO YOU!
HANG ON TIGHT, EVERYBODY!


WE'LL FORM A GUERRILLA ARMY AND CHASE 'EM BACK ACROSS THE OCEAN!
SO FAR, SO GOOD!


BUT AN ARMORED PATROL CAR, MANNED BY JAP ALLIES OF THE NAZIS, TAKE UP THE CHASE..
THEY'RE FASTER THAN US, AND THEY'VE GOT A MACHINE GUN... YOU, BESIDE ME,--TAKE THE WHEEL!
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO JUMP ARE YOU, BATMAN?

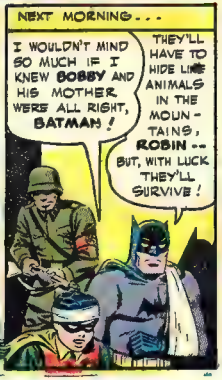
HEAD FOR THE MOUNTAINS ! I'LL SLOW UP THESE JAPS !
I'M STAYING WITH YOU, BATMAN!

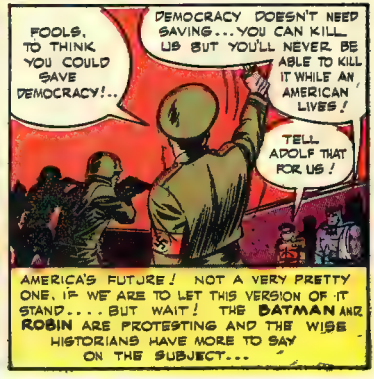

THESE YELLOW DEVILS ARE GOING TO HAVE A BLOWOUT !
I HOPE !.


A BURSTING TIRE ... A SCREECH OF BRAKES... SHRILL CRIES OF TERROR ... AND...
GOT THEM! NOW THOSE PEOPLE WILL GET AWAY !
BUT OTHERS ARE FOLLOWING!
CRASH

STEEL-JACKETED SLUGS SNARL LIKE ANGRY HORNETS AROUND THE HEROIC DUO AS THEY DART INTO THE PATH OF THE PURSUERS...
WE'VE GOT TO DELAY THEM ! THERE'S JUST A CHANCE THEY'LL STOP TO CAPTURE US !
HOW ABOUT A LIFT, RATS--? AND I DON'T MEAN ON YOUR FENDER!

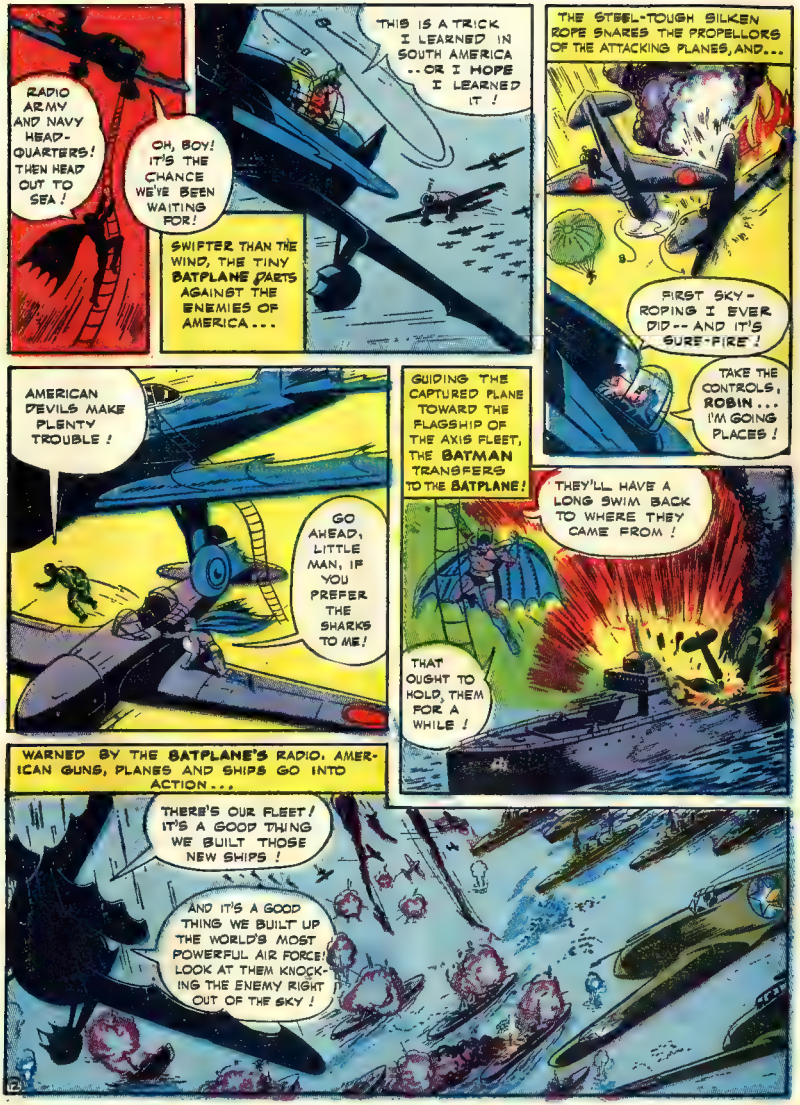
... AND SOME OF THE SLUGS FIND THEIR MARK...
THEY GOT ME --- AND ROBIN, TOO!


NEXT MORNING...
I WOULDN'T MIND SO MUCH IF I KNEW BOBBY AND HIS MOTHER WERE ALL RIGHT, BATMAN !
THEY'LL HAVE TO HIDE LIKE ANIMALS IN THE MOUNTAINS, ROBIN -- BUT, WITH LUCK THEY'LL SURVIVE !

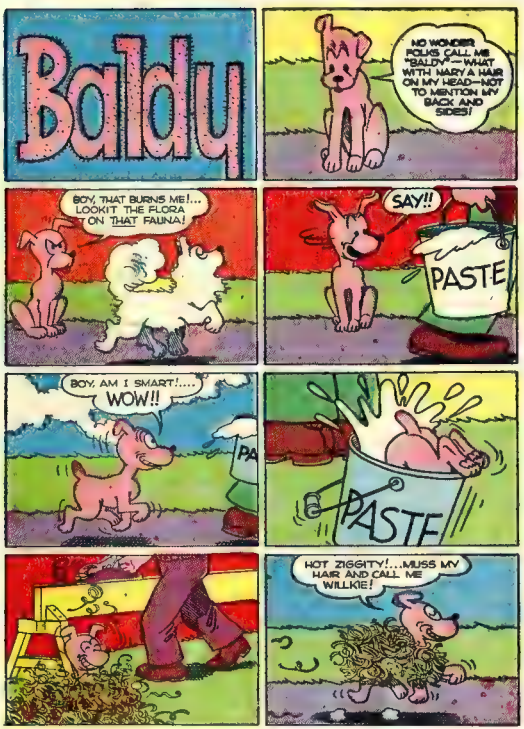

FOOLS, TO THINK YOU COULD SAVE DEMOCRACY!..
DEMOCRACY DOESN'T NEED SAVING... YOU CAN KILL US BUT YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO KILL IT WHILE AN AMERICAN LIVES !
TELL ADOLF THAT FOR US !
AMERICA'S FUTURE ! NOT A VERY PRETTY ONE, IF WE ARE TO LET THIS VERSION OF IT STAND.... BUT WAIT ! THE BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE PROTESTING AND THE WISE HISTORIANS HAVE MORE TO SAY ON THE SUBJECT...

FOR ONCE, THE JUDGMENT OF THE LEARNED PROFESSORS IS HOTLY DISPUTED...
PATIENCE, GENTLEMEN... IF THE PEOPLE ARE INDIFFERENT - IF THEY DO NOT DO THEIR FULL SHARE IN THIS TOTAL WAR - IT COULD HAPPEN HERE!
YOU MAY BE FAMOUS PROFESSORS BUT YOU'RE WRONG! NOTHING LIKE THAT COULD EVER HAPPEN HERE!
IT WOULD MEAN THE END OF EVERYTHING WE CHERISH!
IT HAPPENED IN POLAND, HOLLAND, FRANCE!
IT HAPPENED IN SHANGHAI, SINGAPORE, JAVA!
THEN WHAT YOU'RE REALLY SHOWING US IS WHAT WE CAN AVOID BY BEING READY FOR WHATEVER COMES!
IT'LL BE A DIFFERENT STORY IF OUR FIGHTERS ARE ON THEIR TOES, EH?
NOT ONLY FOR OUR UNIFORMED FIGHTERS, ROBIN... EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD MUST WIN THIS WAR!
AND NOW LET US GEAR OUR IMAGINATION TO ANOTHER KIND OF FUTURE FOR AMERICA-- A FUTURE IN WHICH THE PEOPLE STAND SOLIDLY BEHIND FIGHTING FORCES SECOND TO NONE ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH!
LIKE A BIRD OF PREY, THE BATMAN SWOOPS TO THE ATTACK...
TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF EVERYBODY CONCERNED!
ABROAD, THE AXIS HORDE BOWS BEFORE THE ALLIED MIGHT WHILE AT HOME THE BATPLANE TYPIFIES A NATION'S VIGILANCE!
THE DIRECTIONAL WAVE FINDER SHOWS THAT THE ENEMY BROADCASTING STATION IS RIGHT AROUND HERE, BATMAN!
I'LL TAKE HER DOWN AND WHEN WE SIGHT THE AERIAL MASTS, YOU TAKE THE CONTROLS!
THERE THEY ARE!
JUST IN TIME, TOO! THE SPIES ARE SENDING OUT SECRET MILITARY INFORMATION TO AN AXIS FLEET AT SEA!
10

WITHIN THE SECRET RADIO STATION . . .
JA--DER AMERICAN FLEET IS SAILING NORTH OF GOTHAM CITY
TELL HONORABLE ADMIRAL ALSO PATROL PLANES ARE WITH FLEET!
VOT ISS? HOW MANY TROOPS ARE AT DER FORTS NOW?
SUDDENLY...
HERE'S SOME CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FOR YOU SNEAK-PUNCHERS!
AN AMERICAN! IT IS UNFAIR!
YOU CANNOT TRUST THESE YANKEES!
STATION S-P-Y IS SIGNING OFF!
DER BATMAN WILL DIE!
THE RINGING IN YOUR EARS IS THE LIBERTY BELL!
HAVE JUST REMEMBERED IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT ELSE WHERE!
I'LL GIVE YOU SOMETHING ELSE TO REMEMBER!
SO SORRY.. NOT UNDERSTAND ENGLISH!
REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR!
SECRET MESSAGES WARN THE BATMAN OF AN IMPENDING ATTEMPTED INVASION...
A COMBINED JAP AND NAZI FLEET IS ADVANCING ON GOTHAM CITY! A LAST DESPERATE EFFORT! THIS CALLS FOR FAST WORK!


RADIO ARMY AND NAVY HEAD-QUARTERS! THEN HEAD OUT TO SEA!
OH, BOY! IT'S THE CHANCE WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!
THIS IS A TRICK I LEARNED IN SOUTH AMERICA --OR I HOPE I LEARNED IT!
SWIFTER THAN THE WIND, THE TINY BATPLANE DARTS AGAINST THE ENEMIES OF AMERICA...
THE STEEL-TOUGH SILKEN ROPE SNARES THE PROPELLORS OF THE ATTACKING PLANES, AND...
FIRST SKY-ROPING I EVER DID -- AND IT'S SURE-FIRE!
TAKE THE CONTROLS, ROBIN... I'M GOING PLACES!
AMERICAN DEVILS MAKE PLENTY TROUBLE!
GO AHEAD, LITTLE MAN, IF YOU PREFER THE SHARKS TO ME!
GUIDING THE CAPTURED PLANE TOWARD THE FLAGSHIP OF THE AXIS FLEET, THE BATMAN TRANSFERS TO THE BATPLANE!
THEY'LL HAVE A LONG SWIM BACK TO WHERE THEY CAME FROM!
THAT OUGHT TO HOLD THEM FOR A WHILE!
WARNED BY THE BATPLANE'S RADIO, AMERICAN GUNS, PLANES AND SHIPS GO INTO ACTION...
THERE'S OUR FLEET! IT'S A GOOD THING WE BUILT THOSE NEW SHIPS!
AND IT'S A GOOD THING WE BUILT UP THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL AIR FORCE! LOOK AT THEM KNOCKING THE ENEMY RIGHT OUT OF THE SKY!

LATER...
HOORAY!
EVERYTHING IS HUNKY-DORY NOW!
WE DON'T HAVE TO BE AFRAID ANY MORE, MARTHA!
AXIS SURRENDERS!
DICTATORS JAILED AS PEACE COMES WITH VICTORY!
BEST OF ALL, OUR CHILDREN NEVER WILL HAVE TO BE AFRAID!
AND NOW ALL OUR WAR INDUSTRIES AND MANPOWER WILL TURN TOWARD BUILDING A BETTER WORLD!
A BETTER WORLD.. THE KIND THAT ONLY A FREE PEOPLE CAN BUILD.... IT RISES SWIFTLY, GLORIOUSLY TOWARD THE CLOUDS!
WAS YOUR POP IN THE WAR, TOO?
SURE HE WAS... BUT HE SAYS I WON'T EVER HAVE TO BE IN ONE, 'CAUSE UNCLE SAM TAUGHT THE BAD PEOPLE OF THE WORLD A LESSON!
SCHOOL
AND NOW WE UNDERSTAND BETTER WHAT THE WISE HISTORIANS WERE DRIVING AT WHEN THEY SHOWED US THAT OTHER HORRIBLE FUTURE, WHICH NEVER NEED BE...
WELL! THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!
IT'S SOMETHING WORTH FIGHTING FOR!
RIGHT! BUT YOU AND EVERY LIVING AMERICAN WILL HAVE TO FIGHT FOR IT!
GUNS, PLANES, TANKS, SHIPS--AND MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION SACRIFICING TIME, LABOR AND MONEY TO KEEP THEM COMING - MEAN VICTORY!
I THINK I UNDERSTAND!
THANK YOU, GENTLEMEN! AMERICA WILL UNDERSTAND, TOO!
GIVE US AS MANY AS THIS MONEY WILL BUY!
DO YOUR SHARE! PUT YOUR MONEY IN WAR SAVINGS STAMPS & BONDS!
I'VE ALREADY GOT A LOT OF THEM, BUT THIS TIME I'M GOING THE LIMIT!
THE BEST INVESTMENT YOU COULD MAKE! YOU'RE BUYING SHARES IN THE GREATEST NATION ON EARTH!
SALVAGE MEANS SALVATION... SAVE ALL RUBBER, METAL, PAPERS..
FELLOW CITIZENS, THAT'S HOW OUR WISEST MEN PUT IT UP TO ROBIN AND ME... AND NOW IT'S UP TO YOU!
STEP RIGHT UP! EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU IS ANOTHER HEADACHE FOR HITLER, HIROHITO AND MUSSOLINI!
SALVAGE
THE END
IT'S YOUR BATTLE... YOUR FUTURE... YOUR AMERICA!!!
KEEP FAITH WITH YOUR COUNTRY.. WORK AND SAVE FOR UNCLE SAM--AND IT WILL BE YOUR VICTORY!


Baldy
NO WONDER FOLKS CALL ME "BALDY"—WHAT WITH NARY A HAIR ON MY HEAD—NOT TO MENTION MY BACK AND SIDES!
BOY, THAT BURNS ME!... LOOKIT THE FLORA ON THAT FAUNA!
SAY!!
PASTE
BOY, AM I SMART!.... WOW!!
PASTE
HOT ZIGGITY!...MUSS MY HAIR AND CALL ME WILLKIE!

FREE FOR ASTHMA DURING WINTER

If you suffer with those terrible attacks of Asthma when it is cold and damp; if raw, Wintry winds make you choke as if each gasp for breath was the very last; if restful sleep is impossible because of the struggle to breathe; if you feel the disease is slowly wearing your life away, don't fail to send at once to the Frontier Asthma Co. for a FREE TRIAL of a remarkable method. No matter where you live or whether you have any faith in any remedy under the Sun, send for this free trial. If you have suffered for a lifetime and tried everything you could learn of without relief; even if you are utterly discouraged, do not abandon hope but send today for this free trial. It will cost you nothing. Address

FRONTIER ASTHMA CO.
462 Niagara St. 35 K Frontier Bldg.
BUFFALO, NEW YORK

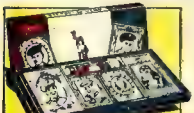
THIS PIG BANK'S UNSAFE!

Invest your money in United States WAR SAVINGS BONDS AND STAMPS!

Make Your Own PATRIOTIC Picture Frames

GET THIS GREAT OUTFIT! IT'S FUN TO PAINT THE FINE GLASS FRAMES IN BEAUTIFUL RED, WHITE AND BLUE DESIGNS.. AND SO EASY! THEN YOU HAVE KNOCKOUT PICTURE FRAMES FOR THOSE BEST-LOVED PHOTOGRAPHS OF BROTHER, DAD, BOY FRIEND, ETC.

IN THE SERVICE. AND DON'T FORGET • YOUR FAVORITE NURSES, WAACS, AND WAVES, TOO! BY SELLING EXTRA FRAMES YOU PAY FOR SET AND MAKE A PROFIT. EVERYBODY NEEDS.. EVERYBODY WANTS VICTORY FRAMES!



OUTFIT INCLUDES
- 4 GLASS FRAMES with DESIGNS
- 3 JARS of PAINT
- 1 BRUSH ....
- 4 BACKINGS ....
- 4 EASELS ....
- 2 BINDING ROLLS
- 4 COLOR PORTRAITS

AT YOUR DEALERS

GET VICTORY FRAME OUTFIT AT LOCAL DEPT. STORE, CHAIN, VARIETY OR DRUG STORE. IF THEY CAN'T SUPPLY, SEND $1.25 FOR COMPLETE SET POSTPAID. BE SURE TO MENTION THIS MAGAZINE. WRITE

AMERICAN TOY & FURNITURE CO.
735 So. LA SALLE St. CHICAGO, ILL.

VICTORY Picture Frames

A LUCKY BREAK

by Dan Darcy

(Here is a story to test your powers of observation. The clue is contained in the body of the story. Can you find it?)

THE thin, fine drizzle that had been falling all day long did not abate at nightfall. It was midnight now, and the soft rain, falling on the long black raincoat of the man who made his way unobserved toward the sleeping household in the fashionable Lake Hill Section was almost soundless.

The man made his way easily over the high wire fence that surrounded the house, but it was an unusual way. He literally flew through the air, soaring over the electrified fence on the tall pole he had been carrying in his hand.

The man's name was Charters. He was a thief, one of the best second story men in the business. He always worked alone and, unlike most thieves, he always kept himself in perfect physical trim.

It paid off. Lots of times. Like this one. If he hadn't known something about pole vaulting he couldn't have cleared the fence so agilely, or could he have held onto the pole, snapping it over the fence after him in a magnificent, fluid motion.

* * *

Charters had nothing but contempt for the Mead family, who lived in this house. Contempt because he knew that in an ancient wall safe that he could crack in a few minutes was the famous Mead necklace. People who thought an electrified fence was sufficient protection against marauders didn't deserve consideration, Charters thought. They deserved to lose their valuables.

A few moments later, a thin piece of steel was being pressed expertly against the ineffective lock of the French windows leading to the library. The safe was in there. Charters knew this because, from his vantage point in the hills, he had watched the room for days, through powerful field glasses. There was no alarm on the safe. He had seen no one trying to use one.

Nevertheless, he breathed a little easier when the safe opened. No sound had rung through the house to betray him.

In the thin finger of light from his pencil flash he opened the velvet covered case extracted from the safe. He caught himself in time to suppress the audible gasp that surely would have emanated from his lips.

The necklace was everything the newspapers and magazines had said it was. It was breath-taking in its beauty, each gem pure and glowing, as though the fresh blood of life poured into each facet. Almost reluctantly, charters slipped the box into his pocket. Then he carefully locked the safe, went through the French doors, which he closed after him, and vanished into the night.

* * *

From a fence, the necklace would bring a fancy price. Even at the exhorbitant fees which these dealers with the underworld exacted, Charters would be in the heavy sugar for a long time.

But he had no intention of dealing with a fence. True, he intended to sell the necklace.

To the owners.

Foolhardy? Not Charters. Smart? Yes.

It wouldn't be the first time so bizarre a business transaction had been effected. It was absurdedly simple, the way Charters had it figured out. The insurance company would be hooked for the entire amount of the necklace. There would be a substantial reward offered for its return. Why then, shouldn't a smart crook collect the reward? That was Charters' plan. And all he had to do was fool Jim Wharton, the smartest insurance detective in the business.

Charters had that figured out, too.

* * *

A week passed before opportunity presented itself, a week in which Charters busied himself in the lake on which his cabin was situated.

He had made no effort to hide himself in the three weeks he had been here. Daily, the guide came to take him to the best fishing spots. Charters liked fishing, he was a good sportsman, and an interesting conversationalist. The people in the village, from whom he purchased his daily needs, knew and liked him.

They did not suspect he was a crook. Perhaps, even, they wouldn't have believed anyone who said he was.

That's how smart Charters was. He was afraid of no one, not even Jim Wharton, who could have searched Charters'

cabin and not found the necklace. The getaway had been clean, without a witness. No one had anything on Charters, not this time. Or any other.

* * *

Naturally, word of the robbery had spread around the village: a domestic had let it leak out.

Charters, an excellent actor, manifested complete surprise when Bowers, his guide, told him about it.

"You mean," he gasped, "the thief got past an electrified fence without being shocked?"

"Yessirree," chirruped Bowers, savoring Charters' incredulity. "He sure did, Mr. Charters. The police can't figure it out. Nohow."

Charters suppressed a smile. Naturally they couldn't. They were stupid. And they'd never find the vaulting pole, either, because that was ashes now.

So he said: "Well, keep me informed Ed, I like gossip."

That had been the day after the robbery.

And now, a week later, Charters was ready to spring his *coup de grace*.

He was sitting outside his cabin now, awaiting the arrival of the Sheriff. In his lap he held a waterproof bag, containing the Mead necklace.

The sky was blue now that the cloudburst was over and the lake was calm and serene. It wouldn't be long now before the Sheriff showed up, and with him Jim Wharton.

Charters was confident. He smiled as he recalled the Sheriff's astonished gasp on the phone. "You found the Mead necklace in the lake?"

It was all so simple. They couldn't hold him, Charters, for the theft. You didn't arrest people who tried to return something that was stolen. You paid them the reward.

* * *

"And that's all I'm after, Jim," Charters said earnestly, a half hour later, to the lean, grave-faced man who sat outside the cabin and listened to his story. "You know I quit the racket."

"I know you said you did," Wharton replied. "And your story sounds okay." He puffed on a pipe. "Still it seems strange that you should be out in an outboard during a cloudburst."

Charters smiled easily. "Why not. Bowers, my guide, says the best fishing on the lake is done when the water is rough, or it's raining. I was chugging across to fish and had just put out when I saw the object on the bottom.I waded out then to investigate. It was this case, with the necklace in it. You can imagine my surprise."

"Yes," Wharton said drily. "I can." He got to his feet. "Mind if I look at the spot?"

"Not a bit. I'll take you out."

"Never mind. I noticed oars in your boat. I'll just paddle out."

Charters watched him easily as he rode out. Wharton seemed unfamiliar with the handling of oars, chopping out at the water.

"You're sure a lucky man, Mr. Charters," the Sheriff said, enviously. "There's a big reward out for this necklace."

"I can use it," Charters said.

He watched Wharton carelessly. The man seemed to be inspecting the spot rather closely. For just a moment, Charters felt uneasy. Then his old confidence returned. What had he to fear? They had nothing on him, not even a fingerprint around the house. He had taken good care of that.

* * *

He looked toward the path, seeing a figure approaching the house. It was Bowers, the guide. "I just heard about it, Mr. Charters," he said, when he reached the front of the cabin. "Wish I'd been with you when you found it."

Charters laughed. "You should never have told me to go fishing during a storm. Why, I might be here all summer and not pass the spot again. It was just a lucky break."

He smiled up at Wharton, who had returned to hear the last words. "Right, Wharton?"

The detective nodded. "Right," he corroborated. "Lucky breaks help a lot. Like having this guide, here, now."

Charters stared at him. "What do you mean?"

He quailed beneath the detective's gaze. "What are you driving at?"

Wharton directed his eyes to Bowers. "What would you say, son, if I asked you whether anyone could see bottom during a heavy rainstorm on the lake?"

Bowers tut-tutted. "Now, mister," he said. "That's a very childish question. On a clear day, naturally, anyone could see bottom on this lake. But—"

"That's all I want to know," Wharton said. He had his cuffs out and before the astonished Charters could move, had snapped them on the thief's wrist. "Come on, Charters," he said. "Your little stunt didn't work. It was just a little too smart. Listen . . . "

Why did Charters submit to arrest? How did he know the detective had fathomed his ruse?"

Because Bowers clearly indicated that during a storm, water becomes agitated. It would have been virtually impossible to see anything on the bottom, as you probably know."

HOW CAN THEY DO IT ??

I ASK YOU, CORPORAL--- HOW **CAN** THEY GET SO MANY TOP FEATURES IN ONE COMIC MAGAZINE ??

IT'S AMAZING, GENERAL ! **SUPERMAN** AND **BATMAN** --- PLUS THAT NEW SENSATION, **BOY COMMANDOS** ! ALSO **GREEN ARROW** AND STILL MORE ! IT'S THE **WORLD'S FINEST** BUY !

NOW ON SALE!

BRAND NEW!

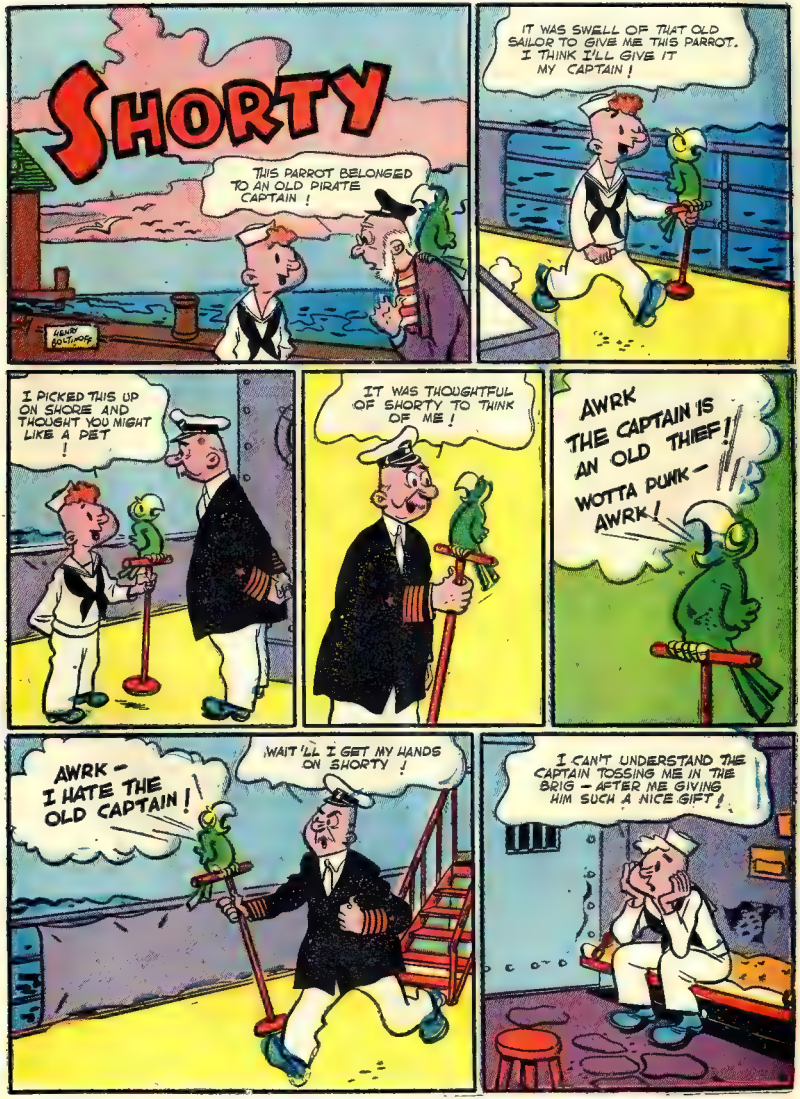
FOR THE FIRST TIME UNDER ONE COVER!

ON SALE EVERYWHERE **DEC. 16 TH**

ALL YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTERS FROM **ALL-AMERICAN, FLASH,** AND **SENSATION COMICS!**

96 PAGES OF BRAND NEW ADVENTURES OF

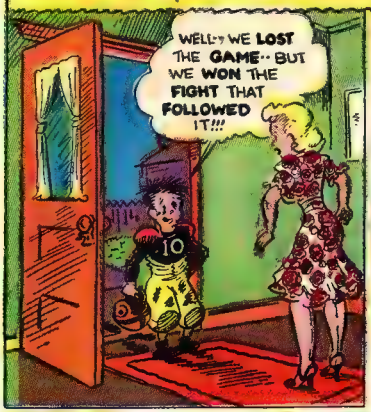
WONDER WOMAN, FLASH, GREEN LANTERN, GHOST PATROL, WILDCAT, RED, WHITE and BLUE, SCRIBBLY, BLACK PIRATE and MINUTE MOVIES!

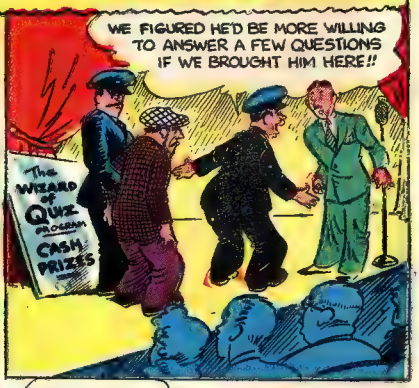

SHORTY
THIS PARROT BELONGED TO AN OLD PIRATE CAPTAIN !
HENRY BOLTINOFF
IT WAS SWELL OF THAT OLD SAILOR TO GIVE ME THIS PARROT. I THINK I'LL GIVE IT MY CAPTAIN !
I PICKED THIS UP ON SHORE AND THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE A PET !
IT WAS THOUGHTFUL OF SHORTY TO THINK OF ME !
AWRK THE CAPTAIN IS AN OLD THIEF ! WOTTA PUNK — AWRK !
AWRK — I HATE THE OLD CAPTAIN !
WAIT 'LL I GET MY HANDS ON SHORTY !
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND THE CAPTAIN TOSSING ME IN THE BRIG — AFTER ME GIVING HIM SUCH A NICE GIFT !

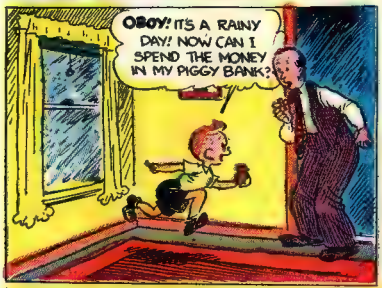
No. 8
WORLD'S FINEST COMICS
96 PAGES
15¢
FIVE FAVORITE FEATURES!
No. 5
Leading COMICS
10¢
VIGILANTE!
GREEN ARROW
STAR SPANGLED KID
SHINING KNIGHT
and CRIMSON AVENGER
"THE MIRACLES THAT MONEY COULDN'T BUY"
GREEN LANTERN
10¢
NOW A BI-MONTHLY
Wonder Woman
10¢
BE SURE TO GET THESE TOP FAVORITES FOR THE BEST IN COMICS!
No. 20
SUPERMAN
10¢
WORLD'S GREATEST ADVENTURE STRIP CHARACTER
All-Flash
NO. 9
JAN.-FEB.
10¢
ALL STAR Comics
NO. 10
FEB.-MARCH
10
WINTER ISSUE
MUTT & JEFF
10¢
BUD FISHER
ON SALE EVERYWHERE!
A SUPERMAN PUBLICATION
DC
A SUPERMAN PUBLICATION
DC

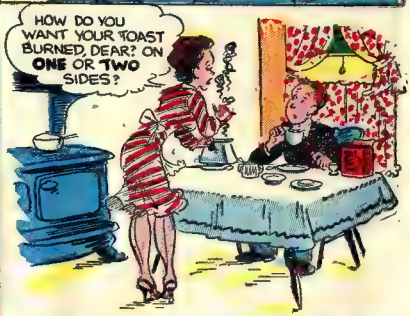
Life's Little Laffs

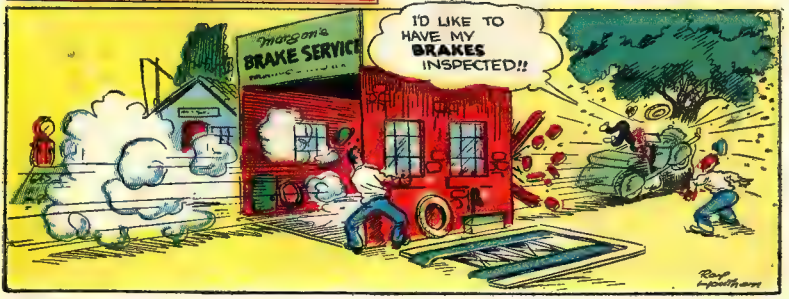
By Ray Houlihan



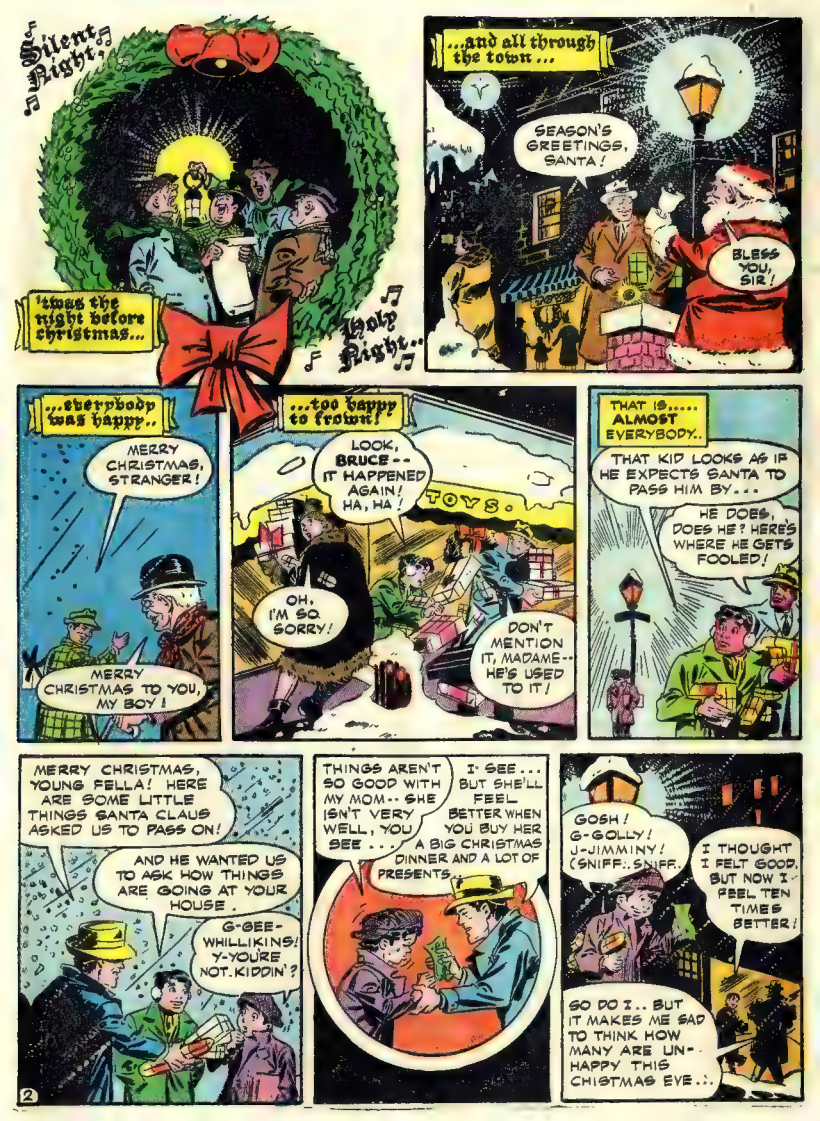








BAT MAN
WITH
ROBIN
BOB KANE
"MERRY CHRISTMAS TO LOVERS OF HIGH ADVENTURE EVERYWHERE!"— BATMAN AND ROBIN!...
WHEN THE MIGHTY CHAMPIONS OF JUSTICE SWEEP ACROSS A WINTER'S NIGHT, CARRYING HAPPINESS TO STRANGE, SAD PLACES, A VENGEFUL UNDERWORLD CHIEFTAIN SEIZES THE OPPORTUNITY TO STRIKE TREACHEROUSLY AT HIS MOST HATED ENEMIES! TEARS AND LAUGHTER, THRILLS AND HAIRBREADTH ESCAPES, ROMANCE AND PERIL--ALL THESE BLEND INTO AN AMAZING CHRISTMAS EVE WHEN THE BATMAN AND ROBIN MEET---
"THE LONELIEST MEN IN THE WORLD."
Merry Christmas
XMAS CARDS


Silent Night
'twas the night before christmas...
Holy Night...
...and all through the town...
SEASON'S GREETINGS, SANTA!
BLESS YOU, SIR!
...everybody was happy..
MERRY CHRISTMAS, STRANGER!
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU, MY BOY!
...too busy to frown!
LOOK, BRUCE -- IT HAPPENED AGAIN! HA, HA!
TOYS.
OH, I'M SO SORRY!
DON'T MENTION IT, MADAME -- HE'S USED TO IT!
THAT IS..... ALMOST EVERYBODY..
THAT KID LOOKS AS IF HE EXPECTS SANTA TO PASS HIM BY...
HE DOES, DOES HE? HERE'S WHERE HE GETS FOOLED!
MERRY CHRISTMAS, YOUNG FELLA! HERE ARE SOME LITTLE THINGS SANTA CLAUS ASKED US TO PASS ON!
AND HE WANTED US TO ASK HOW THINGS ARE GOING AT YOUR HOUSE.
G-GEE-WHILLIKINS! Y-YOU'RE NOT KIDDIN'?
THINGS AREN'T SO GOOD WITH MY MOM -- SHE ISN'T VERY WELL, YOU SEE...
I SEE... BUT SHE'LL FEEL BETTER WHEN YOU BUY HER A BIG CHRISTMAS DINNER AND A LOT OF PRESENTS...
GOSH! G-GOLLY! J-JIMMINY! (SNIFF.. SNIFF.
I THOUGHT I FELT GOOD, BUT NOW I FEEL TEN TIMES BETTER!
SO DO I.. BUT IT MAKES ME SAD TO THINK HOW MANY ARE UN-HAPPY THIS CHISTMAS EVE..:
2

THAT YOUNGSTER HAS HIS MOTHER -- BUT A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE NO FAMILIES AT ALL!
WE'RE LUCKY ALL RIGHT... WE HAVE EACH OTHER, AND ONE OF THE FINEST HOMES IN GOTHAM CITY!
DOZENS OF FRIENDS SEND US PRESENTS.. BUT SOME PEOPLE HAVE NO FRIENDS!
IT MUST BE AWFUL TO BE LONELY AT CHRISTMAS! YOU KNOW, I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO JUST ENJOYING OURSELVES -- BUT...
BUT WHAT, DICK?
WELL, WOULDN'T IT BE NICE IF WE COULD BRING SOME CHEER TO -- WELL, LET ME SEE...
I'VE GOT IT! TO THE LONELIEST MEN IN THE WORLD!
I WAS HOPING YOU'D SUGGEST IT! ONLY I FIGURE IT WOULDN'T BE A JOB FOR DICK GRAYSON AND BRUCE WAYNE -- BUT ONE FOR ROBIN AND THE BATMAN!
SO IT IS THAT WITHIN THE HOME OF BRUCE WAYNE, RICH SOCIETY PLAYBOY, A STARTLING TRANSFORMATION OCCURS...
IMAGINE THE BATMAN AND ROBIN PLAYING SANTA CLAUS! ALL WE NEED IS A SLED AND REINDEER!
WE'VE GOT SOMETHING JUST AS GOOD!
WORKING SWIFTLY, THE PAIR MAKES MANY TRIPS THROUGH THE TUNNEL THAT CONNECTS THE HOUSE WITH THE SECRET HANGAR OF THAT SENSATIONAL CRAFT, THE BATPLANE...
ONE MORE TRIP AND WE'RE READY TO START!
IT WOULDN'T TAKE MANY MORE TRIPS LIKE THIS TO FINISH ME!
PRESENTLY...
HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?
IT'S A REGULAR SANTA CLAUS SLED, WITH RUNNERS, SLEIGH BELLS AND EVERYTHING!... THIS IS GOING TO BE MORE FUN THAN ANYTHING WE'VE DONE IN A LONG TIME!
RIGHT, ROBIN!..BUT FUN ISN'T ALL YOU AND THE BATMAN ARE GOING TO ENCOUNTER IN THIS NIGHT'S ADVENTURE! ... FOR THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS HAS NEVER YET PENETRATED THE DARK DEPTHS OF THE UNDERWORLD ... AND THE UNDERWORLD HAS NEVER CEASED TO HATE AND AND FEAR WHAT YOU STAND FOR!

A WEIRD, BATWINGED SHAPE SOARS INTO THE GRAY WINTER SKY BOUND ON THE STRANGEST VOYAGE IT HAS EVER ATTEMPTED...
BATMAN, WHO DO YOU THINK IS THE LONELIEST MAN ON EARTH?
I'M NOT SURE, ROBIN--BUT I HAVE A LIST OF THREE WHO AREN'T FAR FROM IT!
THERE'S POLICE HEADQUARTERS... AND THERE ARE LIGHTS IN COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE!
HE ISN'T ON MY LIST, BUT IT WON'T HURT TO STOP IN AND GIVE HIM THE SEASON'S GREETINGS!
WE FIND COMMISSIONER GORDON IN CONFERENCE WITH ONE DIRK DAGNER, A NOTORIOUS CHIEF OF AN UNDERWORLD GANG...
YOU OUGHT TO BELIEVE IN SANTA CLAUS, DIRK! WE'RE NOT LETTING YOU GO BECAUSE WE WANT TO, BUT BECAUSE WE CAN'T PROVE YOU WERE MIXED UP IN THOSE HOLDUPS!
I'LL BELIEVE IN SANTA CLAUS WHEN I READ THE BATMAN'S OBITUARY!
THE NEXT INSTANT...
DID I HEAR SOMEONE TALKING ABOUT US?
HUH?... LISTEN, IF YOU GUYS CAME HERE TO MAKE TROUBLE FOR ME--
BATMAN AND ROBIN! YOU CERTAINLY DID!
MAYBE LATER, DIRK... BUT JUST NOW WE'RE BUSY CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS!
AND WE'VE THOUGHT UP A BRAND NEW WAY TO DO IT!
HOW ABOUT LETTING ME IN ON THE SECRET?
BAH!
FIRST, WE'RE GIVING A SURPRISE PARTY FOR THE DOORMAN AT THE SWANKY CRANE CLUB! THEN WE'LL CALL ON LINK CHESNEY, THE RADIO HUMORIST AND THE GLOOMIEST MAN IN GOTHAM CITY...
FINALLY WE'LL VISIT THE OLD LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER AT PIRATE REEF WHO SPENDS MONTHS ON END ALL BY HIMSELF!
I ONLY WISH I COULD GO WITH YOU!
THAT SENTIMENTAL STUFF GIVES ME A PAIN!
BUT AS DIRK DAGNER LEAVES HEADQUARTERS A FREE MAN, HIS CUNNING BRAIN IS BUSY...
AND IT ALSO GIVES ME AN IDEA HOW TO MAKE SOME DOUGH AND AT THE SAME TIME GIVE THE BATMAN THE WORST CHRISTMAS HE EVER HAD!
TOO-ICE
4

MINUTES LATER, IN AN UNDERWORLD RENDEZVOUS...
...AND BESIDES GIVING OURSELVES A FEW GRAND FOR CHRISTMAS, WE'LL MAKE THE BATMAN LOOK LIKE THE BIGGEST SAP IN TOWN!
WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?
DIRK, YOU GOTTA GREAT MIND!
MEANWHILE, AT THE ULTRA EXCLUSIVE CRANE CLUB, A SIMPLE MAN PERFORMS A ROUTINE HE HAS FOLLOWED FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS...
CLUB
A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YE, MR. ROCKMAKER!
HMMM? OH, YES, BEN ... THE SAME TO YOU!
IT'S MIGHTY COLD... I'D LIKE TO SPEND JUST ONE CHRISTMAS EVE INSIDE WITH THOSE RICH FOLKS I'VE BEEN BOWIN' TO ALL THESE YEARS -- BUT NO SUCH LUCK FOR OLD BEN BOTTS!
NOBODY WASTES A SECOND THOUGHT ON ME... PEOPLE'D BE SURPRISED TO FIND OUT I HAD FEELIN'S... RECKON I'M ABOUT THE LONELIEST MAN IN TOWN!
SUDDENLY...
A HAPPY YULETIDE, BEN!
AND WE MEAN HAPPY!
BY TH' POWERS ... BATMAN AND ROBIN!
YOU DON'T KNOW IT, BUT YOU'RE SCHEDULED TO BE THE GUEST OF HONOR AT A PARTY INSIDE!
BUT-- BUT -- WHO'S GOIN' TO HELP THE RICH FOLKS OUTA THEIR CARS?
IF THEY CAN'T GET OUT BY THEMSELVES, LET THEM STAY THERE!
EXCITEMENT GRIPS THE MERRYMAKERS AS THE TRIO ENTERS...
THIS IS A GREAT HONOR! I SHALL ARRANGE A SPECIAL TABLE!
IT'S THE BATMAN! HOW THRILLING!
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.. ATTENTION, PLEASE!
5

MOST OF US GO THROUGH LIFE PAYING TOO LITTLE ATTENTION TO PEOPLE AROUND US... BUT THIS IS ONE NIGHT WHEN THE MOST EXCLUSIVE CLUB IN TOWN MIGHT WELL REMEMBER IT'S MOST NEGLECTED EMPLOYEE...
BEN BOTTS, VETERAN DOORMAN! IN ALL HIS YEARS OF SERVICE, NEVER ONCE HAS HE BEEN INVITED TO JOIN YOUR FUN! NOW IS THE TIME TO CHANGE ALL THAT!
I REALLY OUGHT TO BE OUTSIDE! NO ONE ELSE KNOWS ALL THE PATRONS! SOME OUTSIDER MIGHT GET IN AND DISGRACE ME!
HOORAY FOR BEN!
BEN BOTTS, I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO SAY TO YOU...
IT'S MR. ZANG, THE BOSS! HE'LL FIRE ME SURE!
WANT TO BET?
BEN, I WANT TO APOLOGIZE FOR NOT APPRECIATING YOU! FOR CHRISTMAS I'M RAISING YOUR PAY! TONIGHT, YOU ARE THE GUEST OF THE CLUB!
THIS IS THE PROUDEST MOMENT OF MY LIFE!
WHY, BEN-- YOU MUSTN'T CRY ON CHRISTMAS EVE!
BEGGIN' YOUR PARDON, MA'AM -- I CAN'T HELP IT, I'M S-SO H-HAPPY!
FOR HE'S A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW..!
BUT LOOK WHO IS ENTERING THE CRANE CLUB WHILE THE DOORMAN IS ABSENT FROM HIS POST...
THE DOORMAN'S INSIDE! WE'D NEVER GET PAST IF HE'D BEEN ON THE JOB!
DIS IS RICH-- DA BATMAN'S FIXIN' T'INGS FER US!
AND LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENS SECONDS LATER!
IT'S A HOLDUP, FOLKS! BE NICE AND YOU WON'T LOSE ANYTHING BUT YOUR CASH AND JEWELS! DON'T TRY NOTHIN', BATMAN.. OTHERWISE, WE START SHOOTIN'!
NO, ROBIN! IF THEY START SHOOTING, A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE GOING TO GET HURT!
MY PEARLS!

A MOMENT AGO ONE OF THE HAPPIEST MEN YOU COULD FIND, POOR BEN BOTTS IS ALL AT ONCE ONE OF THE MOST TRAGIC
OH, WHY DID I LET THE BATMAN DRAG ME INSIDE? I'D NEVER HAVE LET THESE CROOKS GET PAST ME! NOW I'M DIS-GRACED--- MY PERFECT RECORD SPOILED.
LET'S LOOKIT YOUR PRESENTS! MAYBE I'LL TAKE 'EM ALONG TO REMEMBER THE BATMAN BY! KEEP 'EM COVERED, SPIKE!
WHAT A SHAME! WE WANTED TO CHEER BEN UP -- AND WE'VE ONLY MADE HIM MISERABLE...
I'M HAVING A BRAIN-STORM...
WHAT'S DIS?
A NEW KIND OF SEAT-CANE, A HANDY GADGET FOR A MAN WHO SPENDS A LOT OF TIME ON HIS FEET--- LET ME SHOW YOU HOW IT WORKS!
OKAY, KID--BUT NO FUNNY STUFF OR YOU GET THIS GUN!
?
?
YOU MERELY PRESS THIS BUTTON, AND--
POW!
YIPE! I'M SHOT!
SNAP!
WHAT'S BREAKIN'?
POP
POP
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING, RUNT?
I'LL...: WHA...?
OH, HE FLIES THROUGH THE AIR WITH THE GREATEST OF EASE!
GET THE IDEA? FIRST YOU OPEN IT, THEN YOU SIT DOWN!
CRACK
OOOFF!
WE DIDN'T INTEND TO KILL YOU, BATMAN -- BUT IF YOU INSIST...
THEY CAN'T GET AWAY WITH THIS!
YOU'RE ONLY BUYING YOURSELF A TICKET TO THE ELECTRIC CHAIR!
7

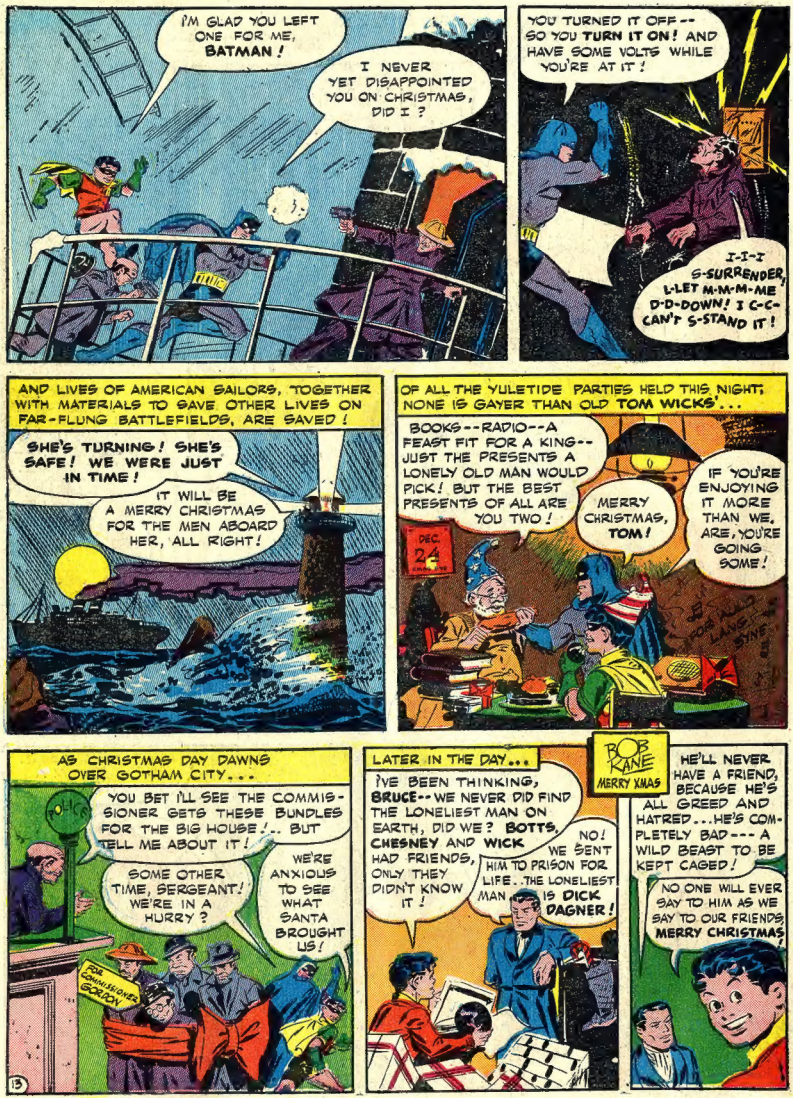
CREATE A DISTURBANCE IN THE CRANE CLUB, WILL YE!
TAKE A GOOD BITE, DIRK! IT'S BETTER THAN PRISON GRUB!
I WON'T FORGET THIS BATMAN! LET'S SCRAM, MEN!!!
CAN'T WE CATCH THEM?
LATER... BUT WE CAN'T GET THROUGH THIS CROWD IN TIME TO STOP THEM NOW!
AND THE EVENING ENDS HAPPILY, AFTER ALL!
IT WAS A STROKE OF GENIUS, THROWING THAT CHICKEN! YOUR SALARY IS DOUBLED!
NOBODY EVER HAD A BETTER CHRISTMAS THAN I'M HAVING.
YOU SAVED MY LIFE!
MINUTES LATER...
WHEW! OUR PLAN ALMOST BACKFIRED! IMAGINE MEETING DIRK AT HEADQUARTERS AND FIGHTING WITH HIM AN HOUR LATER!
HE MUST HAVE GOT THE IDEA OF ROBBING THE CRANE CLUB FROM HEARING US MENTION IT... BUT IF HE'S SMART, HE'LL TAKE THE REST OF THE NIGHT OFF!
BUT DIRK'S BRAIN, INFLAMED WITH HATRED HAS ROOM FOR ONLY ONE THOUGHT...
I'LL SHOW THE BATMAN! ONLY INSTEAD OF MAKING HIM LOOK SILLY, I'LL FINISH HIM AT LINK CHESNEY'S PLACE!
I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT, BOSS!
AND NOW MEET LINK CHISNEY, A PARADOX AMONG MEN---ONE WHOSE SHARP WIT MAKES MILLIONS ROAR WITH LAUGHTER, BUT WHO IS HIMSELF STEEPED IN GLOOM!
CHRISTMAS EVE--BAH! I HATE THE SOUND OF IT!
WHO SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN I THE EMPTINESS OF IT? PEOPLE ROAR AT MY JOKES--- BUT THE MINUTE MY BROADCASTS ARE OVER, THEY FORGET ME! LOOK AT ME TONIGHT-- THE LONELIEST MAN IN AMERICA!

THE DOORBELL-- AND I GAVE THE SERVANTS THE NIGHT OFF TO ENJOY THEMSELVES --- POOR, SIMPLE SOULS! SOMETIMES I ENVY THEM .....
MERRY CHRISTMAS, MR. CHESNEY!
WELL, WELL-- BATMAN AND ROBIN! COME IN---BUT I'M AFRAID YOU WON'T FIND THE ATMOSPHERE VERY PLEASANT!
YOU DON'T MIND US BARGING IN?
NICE OF YOU TO TRY AND CHEER ME UP, BUT IT'S NO USE! PEOPLE ARE COLD AND THEY'VE CHILLED ME PERMANENTLY!
SURELY THERE MUST BE A SPARK OF WARMTH IN YOU TO BRING OUT ALL THOSE JOKES YOU TELL!
THOSE JOKES COME OUT OF MY GAG FILE --- NEW ONES I'VE BOUGHT AND OLD ONES WITH NEW TWISTS! IT'S WORTH HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS-- BUT THERE'S NOTHING WARM OR HUMAN ABOUT IT!
JUST THE SAME, I'M GOING TO PROVE TO YOU, BEFORE THE NIGHT IS OVER, THAT THE WORLD IS A FRIENDLY PLACE!
ABRUPTLY...
WE'RE TAKING THAT GAG FILE, CHESNEY --BUT WE'RE LEAVING YOU THE BIGGEST JOKE YOU EVER HEARD OF--ON THE BATMAN AND HIS KID PAL!
YOU AGAIN!
WH-WHO---? WH-WHAT--?
THIS TIME YOU'RE FINISHED---
AHHHH!
FROM ME TO YOU WITH WOIST WISHES!
I'LL GET YOU FOR THAT, SPIKE!
I DON'T LIKE FRESH KIDS!
YOU RATS! I'LL SEE THAT YOU SUFFER FOR THIS!
YOU WON'T DO ANYTHING IF YOU WANT TO KEEP ON LIVING!
9

ALL RIGHT, SPIKE AND NAILS - TIE THEM TO THAT RADIATOR! I'M GOING TO LET CHESNEY PULL THE BEST GAG OF HIS CAREER -- AND STRANGLE THE BATMAN AND ROBIN!
AS LONG AS THEY REALLY GET STRANGLED, I DON'T CARE WHO DOES IT!
'AN INVENTIVE MIND THAT MIGHT HAVE SERVED BETTER PURPOSES DEVISES A FIENDISH DEATH TRAP...
I'D HOPED YOU'D WAKE UP IN TIME TO ENJOY THIS, BATMAN! ISN'T IT FUNNY THAT CHESNEY, WHOM YOU WANTED TO CHEER UP, IS GOING TO STRANGLE YOU AS SOON AS HE GETS TIRED OF STANDING ON TIPTOE?
YOU DEVIL!
HUH?... SOMETHING HIT ME...
SORRY I HAVE TO HURRY -- BUT AFTER WE REMOVE THE GAG FILE, WHICH OUGHT TO BE WORTH PLENTY TO SOME OTHER RADIO COMIC, WE'RE MAKING A SEA VOYAGE!
WE'LL TAKE YOUR PLACE AT THAT LIGHTHOUSE, BATMAN -- AND IT WOULDN'T SURPRISE ME A BIT IF THERE WAS A SHIPWRECK OUT THAT WAY!
I'D RATHER BE WHERE I AM THAN IN YOUR SHOES WHEN THE LAW FINALLY GETS YOU!
PIRATE REEF -- WHERE A WAVE-LASHED STONE TOWER SENDS FORTH A STRONG GOLDEN BEAM OF WARNING...
CHRISTMAS EVE IS LIKE ANY OTHER NIGHT TO TOM WICK, THE AGED LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER -- BUT LONELIER...
DEC. 24 XMAS EVE
IT'S HARD, BEIN' OLD AN' ALONE THIS NIGHT -- BUT I RECKON FOLKS CAN'T BE BOTHERED THINKIN' OF ME WAY OUT HERE!
HOWEVER, AS HE STEPS UPON THE BALCONY TO HAVE A LAST LOOK AT THE WEATHER...
A BOAT... HEADIN' THIS WAY! GLORY BE -- I'LL HARDLY KNOW HOW TO ACT HAVIN' VISITORS!

MINUTES LATER ...
A DIRTY NIGHT TO BE OUT -- BUT WE FELT SORRY FOR YOU, THINKING YOU MIGHT HAVE TO SPEND CHRISTMAS ALONE ...
BLESS YE, STRANGER! COME RIGHT IN, AN' YER FRIENDS WITH YE!
INTERESTED IN THE LIGHT, ARE YE? WELL, IF I PULLED THAT SWITCH ON THE WALL, IN HALF AN HOUR, THE SPANISH CASTLE WOULD PROB'LY BE WRECKED WITH WAR MATERIALS WORTH MILLIONS!
THAT'S ALL WE WANTED TO KNOW!
HE'S OUT COLD! LIKE TAKING CANDY AWAY FROM A KID! AFTER THE SHIP HITS THE REEF, WE'LL LUG OFF ENOUGH STUFF TO MAKE US RICH, WHEN WE PEDDLE IT TO THE HIGHEST BIDDERS!
I ALWAYS SAID YOU GOT THE BEST HEAD IN THE RACKET!!!
A BLACKOUT AT SEA THREATENS THE LIVES OF SCORES OF SAILORS -- AND BACK IN GOTHAM CITY, PIRK DAGNER "JOKE" IS NEARING ITS CLIMAX..
I'D RATHER DIE THAN HARM YOU -- BUT I CAN'T STAND LIKE THIS ANY LONGER!
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY OUT -- AND IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY!
STEEL MUSCLES STRAIN TO THE UTMOST AS THE BATMAN SLOWLY FORCES HIS POWERFUL LEGS UPWARD WITH A MIGHTY EFFORT!
IF I CAN RAISE YOU ANOTHER INCH OR TWO... THERE! NOW... CAN YOU JUMP TO MY SHOULDER AND STEADY YOURSELF BY LEANING AGAINST THE WALL?
IT OUGHT TO BE EASY, COMPARED TO WHAT YOU'VE DONE!
OOPS! ... MADE IT -- WITH NOTHING TO SPARE!
POP!
POP!
AND NOW A FOLLOW-THROUGH! THIS PART IS MORE FUN!
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?
SEIZING A PIECE OF THE FALLEN BULB, THE BATMAN QUICKLY SEVERS HIS BONDS...
YOU SHOULD HAVE GUESSED SOONER, ROBIN! THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME WE'VE GIVEN OURSELVES A BREAK BY BREAKING GLASS!
11

WE'RE FREE-- BUT I STILL CAN'T FEEL CHEERFUL! MY VALUABLE FILE IS GONE.. THOSE CROOKS ARE UP TO MORE DEVILTRY... AND NOT ONE OF MY RADIO LISTENERS HAS BOTHERED TO REMEMBER ME!
IN A COUPLE OF SECONDS YOU'LL SEE-- THERE! ANSWER THE PHONE!
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS LINK CHESNEY'S FACE IS WREATHED IN A REAL SMILE AS HUNDREDS OF GAY VOICES CALL OUT TO HIM AT ONCE!
MERRY XMAS LINK CHESNEY
I--I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
FANS OF MINE ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, PHONING IN ONE GREAT HOOK-UP! THEY DIDN'T FORGET!... BUT, OF COURSE, IT WAS YOUR DOING, BATMAN!
ROBIN
AND I ARE GOING TO GET YOUR FILE AND CATCH THOSE CROOKS!
YOU'VE GIVEN ME THE FINEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT A MAN COULD RECEIVE-- HAPPINESS AND FAITH IN HIS FELLOWMEN! GOOD LUCK TO YOU!
KEEP 'EM LAUGHING!
SEAWARD STREAKS THE BATPLANE -- A HURTLING VEHICLE OF VENGEANCE THIS TIME..
THE LIGHT-HOUSE IS DARK AND A SHIP IS HEADED TOWARD THE REEF!
TAKE THE CONTROLS AND GET DOWN AS FAST AS YOU CAN, ROBIN! I'M GOING OVERSIDE!
FROM THE BALCONY OF THE BLACKED-OUT BEACON, THE CRIMINALS WATCH THEIR UNSUSPECTING PREY APPROACH ITS DOOM...
FIVE MORE MINUTES AND SHE'LL HIT!
THEN WE'LL GO OUT AND FORCE THE CREW BELOW AND TAKE OUR TIME LOOTING HER!
SUDDENLY...
YOU MURDERING RATS.. THIS IS THE END OF THE LINE FOR YOU!
THE BATMAN!
IT CAN'T BE! HE'S DEAD!
IF I'M DEAD, YOU'VE BEEN HIT BY A GHOST!
OOOOOOO'S
12


I'M GLAD YOU LEFT ONE FOR ME, BATMAN!
I NEVER YET DISAPPOINTED YOU ON CHRISTMAS, DID I?
YOU TURNED IT OFF -- SO YOU TURN IT ON! AND HAVE SOME VOLTS WHILE YOU'RE AT IT!
I-I-I S-SURRENDER, L-LET M-M-M-ME D-D-DOWN! I C-C-CAN'T S-STAND IT!
AND LIVES OF AMERICAN SAILORS, TOGETHER WITH MATERIALS TO SAVE OTHER LIVES ON FAR-FLUNG BATTLEFIELDS, ARE SAVED!
SHE'S TURNING! SHE'S SAFE! WE WERE JUST IN TIME!
IT WILL BE A MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR THE MEN ABOARD HER, ALL RIGHT!
OF ALL THE YULETIDE PARTIES HELD THIS NIGHT; NONE IS GAYER THAN OLD TOM WICKS'...
BOOKS--RADIO--A FEAST FIT FOR A KING--JUST THE PRESENTS A LONELY OLD MAN WOULD PICK! BUT THE BEST PRESENTS OF ALL ARE YOU TWO!
MERRY CHRISTMAS, TOM!
IF YOU'RE ENJOYING IT MORE THAN WE, ARE, YOU'RE GOING SOME!
DEC. 24
AS CHRISTMAS DAY DAWNS OVER GOTHAM CITY...
POLICE
YOU BET I'LL SEE THE COMMISSIONER GETS THESE BUNDLES FOR THE BIG HOUSE!.. BUT TELL ME ABOUT IT!
SOME OTHER TIME, SERGEANT! WE'RE IN A HURRY?
WE'RE ANXIOUS TO SEE WHAT SANTA BROUGHT US!
FOR COMMISSIONER GORDON
LATER IN THE DAY...
I'VE BEEN THINKING, BRUCE--WE NEVER DID FIND THE LONELIEST MAN ON EARTH, DID WE? BOTTS, CHESNEY AND WICK HAD FRIENDS, ONLY THEY DIDN'T KNOW IT!
NO! WE SENT HIM TO PRISON FOR LIFE..THE LONELIEST MAN IS DICK DAGNER!
BOB KANE MERRY XMAS
HE'LL NEVER HAVE A FRIEND, BECAUSE HE'S ALL GREED AND HATRED...HE'S COMPLETELY BAD--- A WILD BEAST TO BE KEPT CAGED!
NO ONE WILL EVER SAY TO HIM AS WE SAY TO OUR FRIENDS, MERRY CHRISTMAS!
13

Get TIGER POWER Now! It's EASY!

Here is your opportunity to build your body into a virile, dynamic machine of tiger strength. No room these days for weaklings. Now, more than ever, you must be STRONG to get ahead in the world . . . you can get Herculean strength easily at home in spare time with this newly invented chest pull and bar bell combination.

New PROGRESSIVE CHEST PULL & BAR BELL COMBINATION

GET BURSTING STRENGTH QUICKLY

No matter if you are a weakling or no matter if you already boast of super muscles, you will find this outfit and instructions that go with it to be just what you need. The entire equipment which contains dozens of individual features are all adjustable in tension, resistance, and strength. This permits you to regulate your workouts to meet the actual resistance of your strength and to increase the power progressively as you build a body of mighty muscles. Men in training and men who have reached the top in performing strong-man feats unanimously acclaim this new progressive chest pull and bar bell combination as being a great advancement in the invention of practical equipment to quickly get strong and develop bursting strength.

The combination is complete in every detail. It contains a new kind of progressive chest pull. Not rubber which wears out and loses its resistive strength, but very heavy and strong tension springs. These tension springs are adjustable so that you may use low strength until you get stronger and terrific pulling resistance when you are muscular. In a short time you will find yourself able to easily accomplish strong man feats which now seem difficult. Included is a specially invented bar bell hook-up. This bar bell outfit permits you to do all kinds of bar bell workouts . . . permits you to practice for weight lifting and at the same time brings into play the muscles of your legs, chest, arms, and grip so that you build as you train. In addition to these valuable features there is a wall exerciser hook-up enabling you to do all kinds of bending and stretching exercises so necessary for speed and endurance. You also have the features of a rowing machine which is as great an abdominal builder and fat reducer. The hand grips included to help develop a mighty grip. The entire outfit is shipped to you along with pictorial and printed instructions so as to progressively enable you to get stronger day by day.

Don't be bunked! Don't let anyone tell you that you can put inches on your biceps, on your chest, have a mighty back, have mighty legs, or a mighty grip, or build any part of your body by fanning the air. No indeed. You need equipment and instructions such as we offer you here. BUT . . . we not only furnish you with equipment, we also supply specially prepared pictorial charts which guide you day by day.

Send No Money

Remember this equipment is used and recommended by many physical directors, boxing champs, and strong men. If it's good enough for them it should be good enough for you too. Order your set today and watch your muscles grow day by day. Just sign your name to the coupon checking outfit wanted. Pay postman price plus postage on arrival. If you can buy a stronger outfit than our Super X set we will give you double your money back. This set defies the lifting and stretching power of champions. Act at once and we will include free with your order the foot stirrups pictured below. If not satisfied after five days trial keep the stirrups and return the balance of the outfit for full refund of purchase price.

Foot stirrups important for foot and leg development. FREE with order. Permits intensive overhead workouts to develop a mighty torso.
FREE

MUSCLE POWER CO., Dept. 1412
P.O. Box 1, Station X, New York, N. Y.

Send me the outfit checked below on five days' approval. Also enclose special pictorial and printed instructions. I will deposit amount of set plus postage in accordance with your guarantee. Enclose the stirrups free with my order.

☐ Send regular strength chest pull and bar bell combination. Set $5.95.

☐ Send Super strength set at $8.95.

(Send cash with order and we pay postage. Same guarantee.)

Name.....

Address.....

(SPECIAL) If you are aboard ship or outside of U. S. A. please send money order in American funds at prices listed above plus 60c.

FREE WITH THIS OFFER

33 POWER TELESCOPE LENS KIT

You can now own a genuine high powered telescope by making it in one evening of easy work. It is included **FREE** with this Special Offer of "Wonders of Science, Simplified." All the optical parts are completely finished for a refracting telescope over 4 feet long. You can see the mountains and craters on the moon, the ringed planet Saturn, Jupiter and double stars, etc. See airplanes, ships and hundreds of other interesting sights. Makes objects miles away appear close. Complete lens kit contains 2" diameter ground and polished objective lens and 33 power eyepiece lens made in the good old U.S.A. with full directions for mounting. Read how you can get your 33 power telescope lens kit **FREE** with this offer.

WONDERS AND MYSTERIES OF SCIENCE IN THRILLING STORY AND 1,000 PICTURES

You can now enter the wondrous world of tomorrow. You can now go on thrilling tours through the wonderland of Science. Here is the telescope, the microscope, the spectroscope. Here are tours through talking picture studios and television studios. Here is aviation opening up the new world of speed and distance. And here, too, is the photo-electric cell, the marvelous eagle eye that will make men of the future supermen. These and hundreds of others are all yours in the three exciting volumes of WONDERS OF SCIENCE, SIMPLIFIED.

3 GREAT VOLUMES BOUND TOGETHER CONTAIN 1,000 PICTURES AND 15 BOOKS

This fascinating work contains three thrilling volumes bound together. It is packed with a thousand pictures which simplify its contents. Think of it—dozens and dozens, hundreds and hundreds of scientific pictures. Pictures of all kinds on Mechanics, Astronomy, Physics, Biology, etc.—dynamic diagrams, panoramic illustrations, and action-photographs up to 100 square inches in size! These hundreds and hundreds of dazzling illustrations cram three gorgeous volumes—and each of the three volumes is almost a foot high, and when opened, over a foot wide!

YOUR FRIENDS WILL ADMIRE YOU

Through the simplicity of the text, the tremendous record of Science is brought lavishly before you. The mightiest marvels of mankind thrill you as you read their stories. Invention, Geography, Zoology, Engineering, etc. — they are so simple and easy to understand. No wonder every person who has read and mastered this exciting wonderbook becomes a "walking encyclopedia" and is looked up to by his friends as a "scientific wizard."

BIG FREE OFFER—SEND NO MONEY

These three great, profusely-illustrated volumes of "Wonders of Science, Simplified" (bound together) formerly sold for $5.00. But it is offered to you now for only $1.98 plus postage. Act at once and we will include **FREE** with your order the 33 power long distance telescope lens kit described above. You take no risk because you must be 100% delighted or you may return for full refund within five days. **ACT NOW**—as this offer is limited to the supply of 33 power telescope lens kits available. This offer may never be yours again. So **RUSH COUPON AT ONCE.**

HUNDREDS OF PHOTOGRAPHS, MAPS, DRAWINGS, ETC.

3 Volumes Bound in 1

Volume I—PARTIAL CONTENTS
WONDERS OF NATURE

BOOK 1. History & Mystery of Astronomy
How Men Used to Think of Earth and Sky
How the Solar System Originated
The Enormous Size of Some Stars

BOOK 2. Oddest Phenomena on Earth
Spouting Fountains of Boiling Water
A Marvellous Mountain of Solid Salt

BOOK 3. Wng the World Change
How Continents and Oceans Were Formed
How We Know Ground Sinks and Rises
Strange Ways of a Buried Town

BOOK 4. Secrets of Weather Simplified
Storms on Sun and Storms on Earth
The Strange Antics of a Ball of Fire

BOOK 5. Through Wonderland of Nature
The Regions of Frost and Fire
The Inside of an Active Volcano

Volume II—PARTIAL CONTENTS
WONDERS OF POPULAR SCIENCE

BOOK 6. Pictorial Outline of Progress
Nearly Two Centuries of Steamships
Queer Forerunners of the Motor-Car
Development of the Modern Locomotive

BOOK 7. Amazing Adventures in Science
The Mystery of the Burning Glass
The Marvel of the Electro-Magnet
The Wonder of the Infra-Red Rays

BOOK 8. Seven Wonders of Modern World
How a Telescope Brings Things Near
How a Microscope Makes Things Big
The Latest Method of Television

BOOK 9. Manual of Simplified Experiments
Science Experiments for Everybody
Experiments With Simple Chemicals

BOOK 10. How Great Inventions Work
Inside of a Great Modern Steamship
A Big Coal Mine With the Lid Off
How a Submarine Sinks and Rises

Volume III—PARTIAL CONTENTS
WONDERS OF LIFE

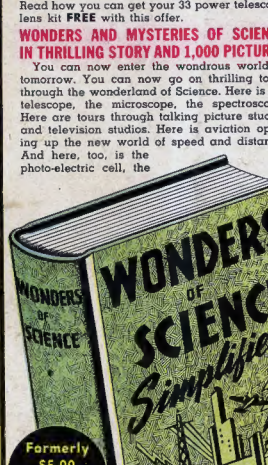
BOOK 11. Creatures in Prehistoric Ages
Life on Earth 30 Million Years Ago
Life on Earth 250,000 Years Ago

BOOK 12. Marvels of Plant Life
Plants That Catch and Eat Insects
Strange Freaks of Plant Growth

BOOK 13. Strangest Fish in the Sea
Some Nightmares of the Deep Sea
Queer Fishes That Crawl on Land

BOOK 14. The Animal Wonder Book
The Animal the World Nearly Lost
The Ugliest of All the Animals

BOOK 15. Miraculous Machine called Man
The Wonderful Way the Brain Works
What Your Body Looks Like Inside



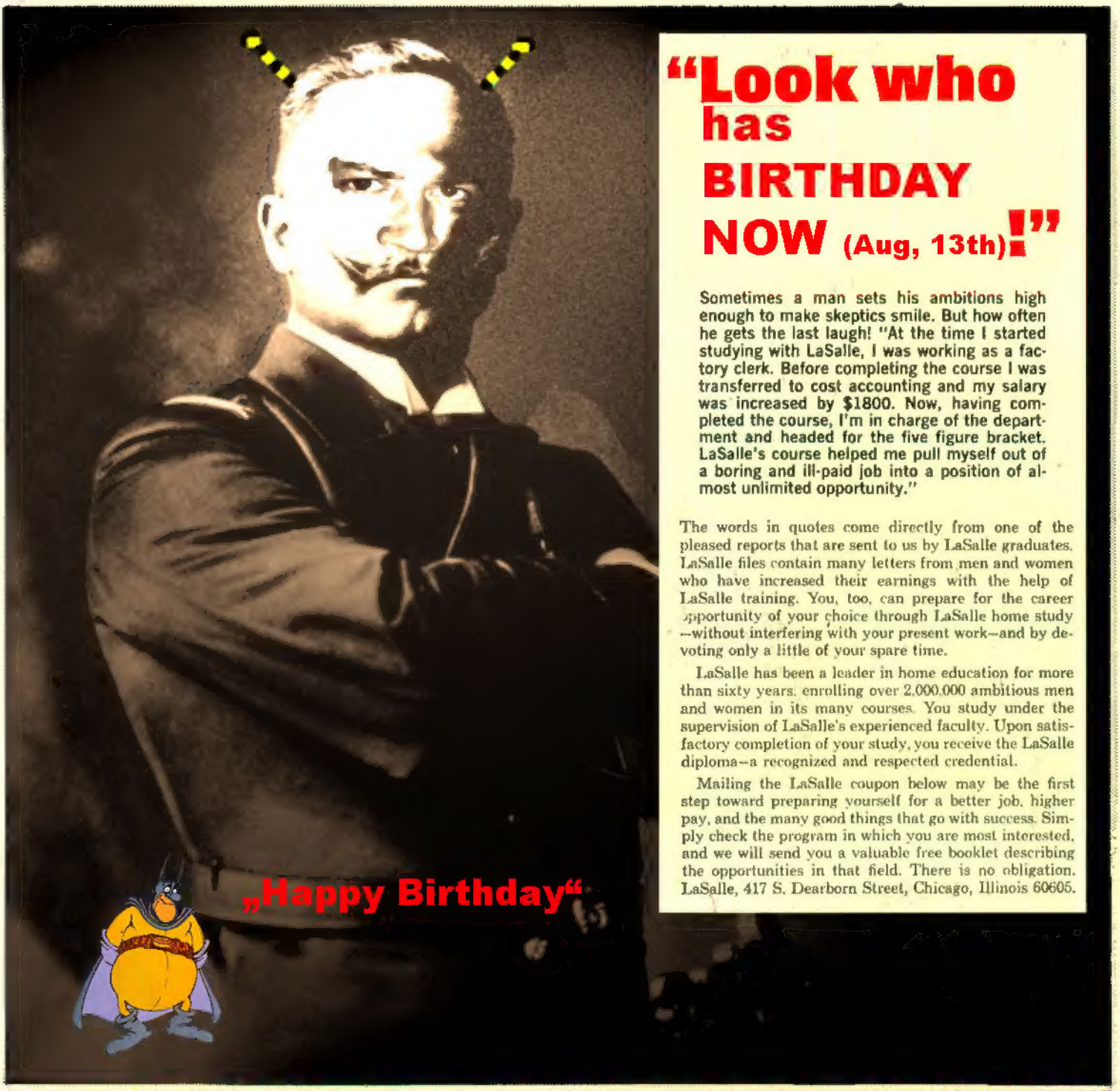
METRO PUBLICATIONS, Dept. 586
50 West 17th Street, New York

Send me a copy of "Wonders of Science, Simplified" (three dazzling volumes bound together, over 1,000 illustrations) . . . also include my long distance telescope lens kit with this order. I will pay postman $1.98 plus postage on arrival. If I am not satisfied I may return them within five days for full refund.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

☐ Check here if you are enclosing $1.98, thus saving mailing costs (same guarantee).



"Look who has BIRTHDAY NOW (Aug, 13th)!"

Sometimes a man sets his ambitions high enough to make skeptics smile. But how often he gets the last laugh! "At the time I started studying with LaSalle, I was working as a factory clerk. Before completing the course I was transferred to cost accounting and my salary was increased by $1800. Now, having completed the course, I'm in charge of the department and headed for the five figure bracket. LaSalle's course helped me pull myself out of a boring and ill-paid job into a position of almost unlimited opportunity."

The words in quotes come directly from one of the pleased reports that are sent to us by LaSalle graduates. LaSalle files contain many letters from men and women who have increased their earnings with the help of LaSalle training. You, too, can prepare for the career opportunity of your choice through LaSalle home study—without interfering with your present work—and by devoting only a little of your spare time.

LaSalle has been a leader in home education for more than sixty years, enrolling over 2,000,000 ambitious men and women in its many courses. You study under the supervision of LaSalle's experienced faculty. Upon satisfactory completion of your study, you receive the LaSalle diploma—a recognized and respected credential.

Mailing the LaSalle coupon below may be the first step toward preparing yourself for a better job, higher pay, and the many good things that go with success. Simply check the program in which you are most interested, and we will send you a valuable free booklet describing the opportunities in that field. There is no obligation. LaSalle, 417 S. Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60605.

LA SALLE EXTENSION UNIVERSITY

A Correspondence Institution • **417 S. Dearborn Street, Dept. 82-011, Chicago, Illinois 60605**

Please send me, without cost or obligation, FREE booklet and full information on the field I have checked below:

ACCOUNTING
- ☐ Complete Accounting
- ☐ Income Tax
- ☐ CPA Training
- ☐ Bookkeeping

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
- ☐ Introduction to Business Management

DRAFTING
- ☐ Complete Drafting

REAL ESTATE
- ☐ Complete Real Estate
- ☐ Real Estate Brokerage
- ☐ Real Estate Management

DIESEL MECHANICS
- ☐ Basic Training

MUSIC INSTRUCTION
- ☐ Piano ☐ Guitar

LAW COURSES
- ☐ Bachelor of Laws Degree
- ☐ Business Law
- ☐ Insurance Law
- ☐ Claim Adjusting Law
- ☐ Law for Police Officers

No state accepts any law home study course, including LaSalle's, as sufficient education to qualify for admission to practice law.

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION
- ☐ Complete Traffic Management

RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT
- ☐ Complete Executive Training

LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION
- ☐ French ☐ Spanish

COMPUTER PROGRAMMING
- ☐ Basic Training

INTERIOR DECORATING
- ☐ Complete Training

ART TRAINING
- ☐ Commercial Art
- ☐ Oil, Water Color Painting
- ☐ Complete Training

HIGH SCHOOL
- ☐ High School Diploma

HOTEL/MOTEL MANAGEMENT
- ☐ Hotel Executive Training
- ☐ Motel Management

STENOTYPE
- ☐ Machine Shorthand

CAREERS FOR WOMEN
- ☐ Accounting
- ☐ Bookkeeping
- ☐ Computer Programming
- ☐ Dental Office Assistant
- ☐ Interior Decorating
- ☐ Real Estate
- ☐ Secretarial
- ☐ Stenotype

Mr.
Mrs. ..... Age.....
Miss
(Circle title and please print)

Address ..... Apt. No.....

City & State ..... Zip.....